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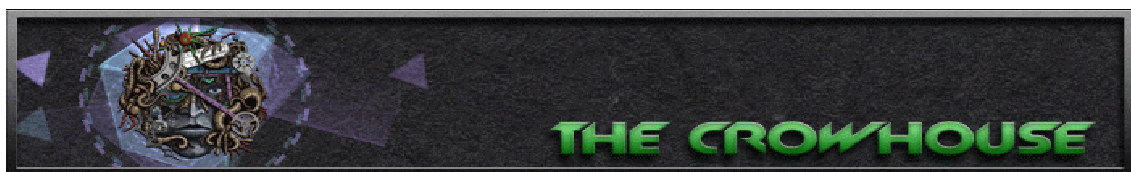
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The Truth About 1993 WTC Bombings

Introduction

Welcomed to **The OzBoy File** – The Truth About 1993 WTC Bombings, I said to Steve Johnson a few months ago I was going to do some research on these Bombings and collect the evidence for people to read these were **“False Flag Terrorist Attacks – Events”** that were carried out by United States of America own Police, Military and Intelligence Agencies.

This has been a book in the making and on the drawing board for years, to add with all the other **“False Flag Sponsored”** carried out Terrorist Attacks Books we have put together.

But before we start its important to educate people about **“False Flag Terrorism”**, and understand how Governments Police, Military and Intelligence Agencies carry these Attacks out.

What is False Flag Terrorism?

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/Terrorism>

The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons.

Understanding False Flag Terrorism

False Flag Attacks are basically Population Control measures, put into place they install fear and makes any subject or population easy to control.

Definition: - False Flag Terrorist Attack

False Flag operations are covert operations which are designed to deceive the public in such a way that the operations appear as though they are being carried out by other entities.

The name is derived from the military concept of flying false colours that is, flying the flag of a country other than one's own.

False flag operations are not limited to war and counter-insurgency operations, and have been used in peacetime for example, during Italy's strategy of tension.

Basically there are two ways to pull off a False Flag Terrorist Attack

1) Recruit a small team to carry off the attack, this way is very risky because they leave their fingerprints behind which stand out like dogs balls to experienced researchers and investigators.

The real perpetrators are easier to identify, point out and expose, and makes it easier also to trace back to the higher ups that ordered, sanction the attacks to go ahead.

E.G Corrupt Politicians, Military People and Intelligence Chiefs.

2) The other way in which to carry off a False Flag Terrorist Attack is doing it under cover of running some Police, Military Drill this way is more effective, the real perpetrators are harder to identify point out, thus harder to have it traced back to the higher ups the chain who ordered and sanction the attacks.

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They hide their finger prints within by carrying out the False Flag Attack at the same time, same place as running Police & Military Drills thus hiding out amongst 100's even thousands who are participating in the Drills.

In many cases your really recruiting others in the operation of doing the attacks and little do people realize they have just helped the real perpetrators carry off the attacks and have been the saps.

There is another reason why the real perpetrators carry off attacks at the same time as running drills and that's to stop the countries Police, Military and Intelligence Agencies from fighting back and doing their job from letting these attacks from going ahead.



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This is where we catch them every time when doing our research and investigations and how we know something is a False Flag Terrorist Attack they carry them out while running these drills.

The chances of a Terrorist Attack happening at the same time, place as a drill going on is 13 pass a trillion odds of it happening, so coincidence cannot be explained away that easy.

But Corrupt Politicians and Mainstream Zionist Jewish Media try as they do to sell **"We The People"** some bullshit line that yes it was all just coincidence, and go as far, to call anybody a Conspiracy Theorist and a Terrorist, and un Patriotic if you disagree with them.

The Truth

Remember people if something is The Truth, then when you present all the evidence & proof to the story it will = **Truth.**

But when you present something which is **NOT** The Truth, then when you present False – Misleading information, Tainted – Tampered evidence and try to sell it as The Truth it will = **Lie.**

Some Parrot Talking Head Repeating – The Official Government Line over and over again is **NOT Truth,** its called brainwashing, cheap mind control to make you believe something which is a Lie, is The Truth.



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Western and Eastern Mainstream Media today hardly ever investigate a story, or check the facts about a story before telling it.

They just get stories off the World Wire News System then repeat what ever they get off the system as a True Story, without ever checking details or facts of a story.

100's 1000's of times now Mainstream Media have been proven wrong and without even an apology by these News and Current Affairs Shows.

Which can only be viewed as a deliberate attempt to mislead, lie and deceive the viewing audience.

Before we look at the 1993 WTC Bombings information, lets have a brief look at The FBI, CIA and Police Counter Terrorism Units dirty little Secrets.

Chapter 1 – High-Level American Officials Admit that the United States Uses False Flag Terror ... And Warn of Future Attacks

<http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2011/06/american-officials-admit-that-us.html>

Preface: U.S. President James Madison said:- "If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy."

Everyone knows that "truth is the first casualty of war".

And one of the most highly decorated American soldiers of all time said that "war is a racket".

FBI agents and CIA intelligence officials, constitutional law expert professor Jonathan Turley, Time Magazine, Keith Olbermann and the Washington Post have all said that U.S. government officials "were trying to create an atmosphere of fear in which the American people would give them more power".

Indeed, the former Secretary of Homeland Security - Tom Ridge - admits that he was pressured to raise terror alerts to help Bush win reelection.

A former National Security Adviser told the Senate that the war on terror is "a mythical historical narrative".

<http://web.archive.org/web/20070207152849/http://www.senate.gov/~foreign/testimony/2007/BrzezinskiTestimony070201.pdf>

In terms of a possible "why", remember that psychologists and sociologists have demonstrated that fear of terrorism makes people stupid and easy to manipulate and control.

As I noted last year: War is always sold to it's people by artificially demonizing the enemy: -

Countries need to lie about their enemies in order to demonize them sufficiently so that the people will support the war.

That is why intelligence "failures" - such as the following - are so common

- The U.S. Navy's own historians now say that the sinking of the USS Maine -- the justification for America's entry into the Spanish-American War -- was probably caused by an internal explosion of coal, rather than an attack by the Spanish.
- It is also now well-accepted that the Gulf of Tonkin Incident which led to the Vietnam war was a fiction (confirmed here)
- And two lies were used to justify the 1991 Gulf War: the statement that Iraqis murdered Kuwaiti babies and the statement that a quarter of a million Iraqi troops were massed on the border with Saudi Arabia (see also this article)(technically, the statement about Kuwaiti babies did not come from the U.S. government, but from a public relations firm hired by the government).

Indeed, in a newly-released documentary, U.S. soldiers admit that if they accidentally kill innocent Iraqis and Afghanis, they then "drop" automatic weapons near their body so they can pretend they were militants.

US Soldiers Tell The Truth THEY PLANTED WEAPONS & Killed innocent people!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NUDWQ0U7N8&feature=player_embedded

As I noted last year: On Monday, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Hugh Shelton told told Jon Stewart that a Clinton cabinet member proposed letting Saddam kill an American pilot as a pretext for war in Iraq: - (And see this; and this excerpt from General Shelton's book).

This might seem, at first glance, like just an odd, one-off suggestion.

However, as reported by the New York Times and other newspapers, George W. Bush also suggested to Tony Blair that a U.S. plane be painted in United Nations colors so that - if Saddam shot it down - it would create a casus belli.

As the Times wrote in 2006: - The memo [confirmed by two senior British officials as being authentic] also shows that the president and the prime minister acknowledged that no unconventional weapons had been found inside Iraq.

Faced with the possibility of not finding any before the planned invasion, Mr. Bush talked about several ways to provoke a confrontation, including a proposal to paint a United States surveillance plane in the colors of the United Nations in hopes of drawing fire

Indeed, the former director of the National Security Agency said: - By any measure the US has long used terrorism.

In '78-79 the Senate was trying to pass a law against international terrorism - in every version they produced, the lawyers said the US would be in violation.

Former FBI station chief Ted Gunderson also says most terror attacks are committed by our CIA and FBI

Ted Gunderson Former FBI Chief - Most Terror Attacks Are Committed By Our CIA And FBI

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YZ2VpfUqRoo#at=26

Specific Historical Examples

The CIA admits that it hired Iranians in the 1950's to pose as Communists and stage bombings in Iran in order to turn the country against its democratically-elected prime minister.

The former Italian Prime Minister, an Italian judge, and the former head of Italian counterintelligence admit that NATO, with the help of the Pentagon and CIA, carried out terror bombings in Italy and other European countries in the 1950s and blamed the communists, in order to rally people's support for their governments in Europe in their fight against communism.

As one participant in this formerly-secret program stated: "You had to attack civilians, people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple. They were supposed to force these people, the Italian public, to turn to the state to ask for greater security" (and see this) (Italy and other European countries subject to the terror campaign had joined NATO before the bombings occurred).

As admitted by the U.S. government, recently declassified documents show that in the 1960's, the American Joint Chiefs of Staff signed off on a plan to blow up AMERICAN airplanes (using an elaborate plan involving the switching of airplanes), and also to commit terrorist acts on American soil, and then to blame it on the Cubans in order to justify an invasion of Cuba.

See the following ABC news report; the official documents; and watch this interview with the former Washington Investigative Producer for ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.

Official State Department documents show that - only nine months before - the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other high-level officials discussed blowing up a consulate in the Dominican Republic in order to justify an invasion of that country.

Neither plan was carried out, but they were both discussed as serious proposals.



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Nine months earlier, a false flag attack was apparently discussed in order to justify an invasion of the Dominican Republic.

Specifically, according to official State Department records, Under Secretary of State Chester Bowles wrote on June 3, 1961:

The Vice President [Lyndon Johnson], [Attorney General] Bob Kennedy, Secretary [of Defense Robert] McNamara, Dick Goodwin [who was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs], [head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff] General Lemnitzer, Wyn Coerr, and Ted Achilles were here.

Bob McNamara and Lemnitzer stated that under the terms of the contingency paper, they were required to be prepared to move into the island on short order if required to do so, and this, in their opinion, called for substantially more troops that we had in the area.

After some discussion we considered two more aircraft carriers, some destroyers, and 12,000 marines should be moved into a position some one hundred miles off the Dominican Republic shore...

The tone of the meeting was deeply disturbing.

Bob Kennedy was clearly looking for an excuse to move in on the island.

At one point he suggested, apparently seriously, that we might have to blow up the Consulate to provide the rationale.

His general approach, vigorously supported by Dick Goodwin, was that this was a bad government, that there was a strong chance that it might team up with Castro, and that it should be destroyed--with an excuse if possible, without one if necessary.

Rather to my surprise, Bob McNamara seemed to support this view ...

The entire spirit of this meeting was profoundly distressing and worrisome, and I left at 8:00 p.m. with a feeling that this spirit which I had seen demonstrated on this occasion and others at the White House by those so close to the President constitutes a further danger of half-cocked action by people with almost no foreign policy experience, who are interested in action for action's sake, and the devil take the high most.

At a subsequent meeting], Bob McNamara went along with their general view that our problem was not to prepare against an overt act by the Dominican Republic but rather to find an excuse for going into the country and upsetting it.

When Congress was originally asked to pass the Patriot Act in late 2001, the anthrax attacks which occurred only weeks earlier were falsely blamed on spooky Arabs as a way to scare Congress members into approving the bill. Specifically:

- The FBI was actually told to blame Anthrax scare on Al Qaeda by White House officials



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http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2008/08/02/2008-08-02_fbi_was_told_to_blame_anthrax_scare_on_a.html

- High-level government insiders pointed towards Iraq as the source of the anthrax, even though there was absolutely no reason to think that the anthrax had come from Iraq

Who first wrongly linked anthrax to Iraq -- and why?

http://rawstory.com/news/2008/Suicide_raises_questions_about_attempts_to_0801.html

Indeed, many people have questioned whether or not the anthrax was intentionally sent to scare people. For example:

- The anthrax letters attempt to link 9/11 and the anthrax attack and pretend to be from radical Muslims and be anti-America and anti-Israel

http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_MnYI3FRbbQ/SJLfMP7mkrl/AAAAAA AAA94/irML20mNYDA/s400/anthrax.jpg

- Would Arab terrorists have targeted only Congress men who were likely to oppose the Patriot Act and other tyrannical measures?

<http://www.salon.com/news/politics/feature/2001/11/21/anthrax/index.html>

Would they have gotten that specific in their targeting?

In order to terrorize America as a whole, wouldn't real Arab terrorists have sent anthrax to the Congressional leaders of both parties, regardless of their political postures towards particular legislation?

Shouldn't it have been obvious to the FBI that the killer was pro-tyranny, rather than being simply Anti-American?

The "war on terror" and Iraq war were largely based on the claim that Saddam and Muslim extremists were behind the anthrax attacks (and see this and this)

- Senator Patrick Leahy said:

And I think there are people within our government - - certainly from the source of it -- who know where it came from. [Taps the table to let that settle in] And these people may not have had anything to do with it, but they certainly know where it came from.

- The FBI gave its consent in October, 2001 for the remaining samples of the Ames anthrax strain to be destroyed, thereby permanently destroying crucial "genetic clues valuable to the criminal inquiry".

Why would the FBI allow the Ames samples to be destroyed, other than to prevent fingers from being pointed toward the real killer, someone who worked for the U.S. government and had access to U.S. bioweapons?

- The American bioweapons expert who actually drafted the current bioweapons law (the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989), who holds a doctorate of law magna cum laude and a Ph.D. in political science, both from Harvard University, and teaches international law at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International (1988-92) and represented Bosnia-Herzegovina at the World Court, and who "advised the FBI in its initial investigation of the anthrax letters", is convinced that the anthrax attacks that killed five people were perpetrated and covered up by criminal elements of the U.S. government.

The motive: to foment a police state by killing off and intimidating opposition to post-9/11 legislation such as the Patriot Act and the later Military Commissions Act.

He has said: - Senators Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy were holding it up because they realized what this would lead to.

The first draft of the PATRIOT Act would have suspended the writ of habeas corpus [which protects citizens from unlawful imprisonment and guarantees due process of law].

Then all of a sudden, out of nowhere, come these anthrax attacks.



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Department of Justice lawyer John Yoo suggested in 2005 that the US should go on the offensive against al-Qaeda, having "our intelligence agencies create a false terrorist organization.

It could have its own websites, recruitment centers, training camps, and fundraising operations.

It could launch fake terrorist operations and claim credit for real terrorist strikes, helping to sow confusion within al-Qaeda's ranks, causing operatives to doubt others' identities and to question the validity of communications."

As Chris Floyd and many others have noted, this plan has gone live.

United Press International reported in June 2005: U.S. intelligence officers are reporting that some of the insurgents in Iraq are using recent-model Beretta 92 pistols, but the pistols seem to have had their serial numbers erased.

The numbers do not appear to have been physically removed; the pistols seem to have come off a production line without any serial numbers.

Analysts suggest the lack of serial numbers indicates that the weapons were intended for intelligence operations or terrorist cells with substantial government backing.

Analysts speculate that these guns are probably from either Mossad or the CIA.

Analysts speculate that agent provocateurs may be using the untraceable weapons even as U.S. authorities use insurgent attacks against civilians as evidence of the illegitimacy of the resistance.

There is substantial additional evidence of hanky panky in Iraq.

We're not alone.

Countries around the world have played this terrible game for thousands of years.

If We Don't Learn Our History, We're Doomed to Repeat It

Indeed, many former high-level officials are warning that it could happen again:

- A former National Security Adviser told the Senate that a terrorist act might be carried out in the U.S. and falsely blamed on Iran to justify war against that nation.

A retired 27-year CIA analyst who prepared and presented Presidential Daily Briefs and served as a high-level analyst for several presidents stated that if there was another major attack in the U.S., it would lead to martial law. He went on to say: -



"We have to be careful, if somebody does this kind of provocation, big violent explosions of some kind, we have to not take the word of the masters there in Washington that this was some terrorist event because it could well be a provocation allowing them, or seemingly to allow them to get what they want."

The former CIA analyst would not put it past the government to "play fast and loose" with terror alerts and warnings and even events themselves in order to rally people behind the flag.

- Daniel Ellsberg, the famous Pentagon Papers whistleblower, said "if there is another terror attack, "I believe the president will get what he wants", which will include a dictatorship
- Scott Ritter, the former UN Weapons Inspector (an American) - who stated before the Iraq war started that there were no weapons of mass destruction - is now saying that he would not rule out staged government terror by the U.S. government
- And a member of the British Parliament stated that "there is a very real danger" that the American government will stage a false flag terror attack in order to justify war against Iran and to gain complete control domestically

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Chapter 2 – The UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT is the World's Greatest TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

<http://american-genocide.net/firms.com/html/americanstateterrorism/index.html>

The Greatest Acts of Terrorism are not committed by furtive gangs of masked desperados in foreign lands.

The most horrific acts of terrorism in world history have always been committed by governments and their militaries.

The government and military of the United States of America have committed massive acts of international terrorism and brutal genocide — from 1899 to the present day.

Pearl Harbor: Mother of all conspiracies
How FJRoosevelt started WW2 by deception

Day of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor In recently declassified documents it was revealed Pearl Harbour was anything but a surprise.

**The CIA's "Operation Cyclone" - Stirring the
Hornet's Nest of Islamic Unrest**

John Pilger on Operation Cyclone
Taliban set up in 1979 using \$4bn by order of Jimmy Carter.

Operation Northwoods - plans by Joint Chiefs to commit terrorist acts and blame them on Cuba

Tonkin Gulf Lie that Launched Vietnam War

The Vietnam war killed around five million Vietnamese during the American invasion, and their land was destroyed and poisoned by American weapons of mass destruction. - John Pilger

Bay of Pigs

How the CIA created Osama bin Laden

The Pentagon Plan to Provoke Terrorist Attacks (P20G)

Other Vietnams

El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Somalia, Gulf war - John Pilger

WWI and WW2 started deliberately

Colonel Edward Mandel House, a founder of the CFR played a big part in getting US into WWI.

House was personal advisor to Presidents Woodrow and Roosevelt

House's involvement with the Protocols of Zion

The global elite benefit from wars

Bankers planned three world wars and UN to intervene and govern the world in peace.

The banks plan to create a one world government through the UN headed by the FED, Trilaterals and CFR

US Guilty of War Crimes

Iranian Coup - 1953

US overthrow of Iranian Premier Mossadeq

Guatemalan Coup - 1954

US overthrow of elected President Jacobo Arbenz

Cuban Invasion - 1961

US overthrow of Castro fails at the Bay of Pigs

Cuba - 1962

US plan 'Cuban' terrorist attacks to justify invasion

Argentina - 1976 to 1983

Argentina's Dirty War claims tens of thousands

East Timor Genocide - 1975

Indonesia invades after Ford/Kissinger 'green-light'

Chilean Coup - 1973

US overthrow of elected President Salvador Allende

IRAQ - 1991 to 2003

Weapons of Mass Deception

12 yrs of Bombing the People of Iraq

The Secret Behind the Sanctions

The Gulf War: US War Crimes in Iraq

US Had Key Role in Iraq Buildup
Shaking Hands with Saddam Hussein

Panama - 1989

U.S. War Crimes in Panama

El Salvador - 1980 to 1992

U.S. support of Salvadoran Army and 'death squads'

Nicaragua - 1981 to 1990

military & drug operations kill tens of thousands

Secret Operations

[http://www.nomorefakenews.com/archives/archiveview.php?
key=1445](http://www.nomorefakenews.com/archives/archiveview.php?key=1445)

The viewpoint is: SECRET OPERATIONS.

OPERATION AIDS.

OPERATION OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING.

OPERATION CHILD MIND CONTROL.

OPERATION TOXIC VACCINES.

OPERATION SCHOOL SHOOTINGS.

OPERATION INVENTION OF DISEASES.

OPERATION GLOBAL PROPAGANDA.

OPERATION FEW CONTROLLING THE MANY.

What I'm saying is, these are, in fact, planned and launched and promoted and funded and carried out in the same way that any Intelligence Operation would be.

In other **OzBoy File – Truth About Series Books**, I go into great detail to explain the guts of these operations, the lies, the fabrications, the false science, the cover stories floated to obscure what is really going on, the propaganda that is aimed at convincing people that these and other operations are just accidents and natural occurrences and tragedies and lone-nut crimes.

What is an Intelligence Operation?

It is a plan conceived in secret to achieve an aim that is illegal, immoral, criminal.

The plan designs several courses of action that will be taken to achieve the goal.

Built into the plan are the secrecy and the cover stories (lies) that will be floated to falsely explain the end result (e.g., the destruction of the Murrah building in OKC and the deaths of 168 people).

These cover stories are essential, so that the planners are concealed.

Cover stories misdirect the attention of the public.

The press reports all the cover stories as if they are true.

An Intelligence Operation (Op) uses layers of CUTOUTS.



Cutouts are lower level people and groups who carry out parts of the op.

Some cutouts know more than others.

But cutouts do not know the real reason they are carrying out their assignments.

Which means: they do not see the biggest picture.

They are not meant to.

Good intelligence operations are
COMPARTMENTALIZED.

In other words, the various cutouts are contributing pieces of work that, all told, add up to the successful execution of the op.

But key cutouts are kept separate from one another.

More protection of the people at the top who do not want to be exposed.

Good intelligence operations lay down FALSE TRAILS.

These are specific cover stories designed to swallow up smart investigators who try to get beyond the more obvious lies.

False trails are seeded with clues which look hot, but after a time, the trails peter out.

Thus, the energy and resources of the investigator are exhausted, and he throws up his hands and gives up.

A good intelligence operation has people who can be brought in to DISCREDIT independent investigators who are actually seeing the truth.

Discrediting a person may involve telling damaging lies about him, questioning his sanity, planting false evidence on him that makes him look like a criminal, and so on.

Or, if there are things the investigator has done which the public would find objectionable, these are brought to light.

A good intelligence operation is prepared to stage events that will DISTRACT the public at crucial moments.

In that case, one op covers up another one.

A good intelligence operation will do whatever it takes to impede a really solid crime-scene investigation.

For example, in the case of 9/11, the government moved to name perpetrators very quickly, and essentially declared a state of war.

This took the whole thing out of the realm of a crime investigation.

Evidence was no longer considered in a true light.

The AGENDA dictated all the moves.

So...those are some of the key elements of an op.

These are generalized lies that are told over and over, lies that are very useful whenever a situation has to be buried or mis-explained.

For instance, we have the ever-wonderful Left versus Right.

So many ops are absorbed into that framework.

“This happened because the Left was trying to...the Right was trying to...”

The Left versus Right cover story always turns out to be a low-level explanation that never gets to the heart of the op.

It's a cover story that is USED, at the highest levels of planetary power, to keep people in the dark.

Because the people at the top are neither Left nor Right.

Is a snake Right or Left?

A snake BITES.

That's what he does.

The people at the top CONTROL.



Chapter 3 – Top Ranking CIA Operatives Admit Al-Qaeda Is a Complete Fabrication

<http://polidics.com/cia/top-ranking-cia-operatives-admit-al-qaeda-is-a-complete-fabrication.html>

<http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/fakealqaeda.html>

BBC's killer documentary called "**The Power of Nightmares**", Top CIA officials openly admit, Al-Qaeda is a total and complete fabrication, never having existed at any time.

The Bush administration needed a reason that complied with the Laws so they could go after "the bad guy of their choice" namely laws that had been set in place to protect us from mobs and "criminal organizations" such as the Mafia.

They paid Jamal al Fadhli, hundreds of thousands of dollars to back the U.S. Government's story of Al-Qaeda, a "group" or criminal organization they could "legally" go after.



Chapter 4 – Why the CIA is the World's Number One Terrorist Organization

The time has come to abolish the CIA –to smash it into a thousand pieces –as JFK had promised!

Its leadership should be dismissed and investigated.

Where there is probable cause, CIA members should be investigated and tried for crimes against humanity.

The CIA, itself a ruthless, terrorist organization inspires terrorism in response.

In some cases, notably the CIA and al Qaeda, the relationship between the CIA and terrorism is symbiotic.

The CIA perpetuates an “American Holocaust”, the deaths of some 6 million people from its inception to the year 1987.

For as Long as the CIA Exists, the US will never be safe from terrorism.

It has long been time to realize JFK's dream of smashing the CIA into a ‘thousand pieces’.

CIA Operations follow the same recurring script.

First, American business interests abroad are threatened by a popular or democratically elected leader.

The people support their leader because he intends to conduct land reform, strengthen unions, redistribute wealth, nationalize foreign-owned industry, and regulate business to protect workers, consumers and the environment.

So, on behalf of American business, and often with their help, the CIA mobilizes the opposition.

First it identifies right-wing groups within the country (usually the military), and offers them a deal "We'll put you in power if you maintain a favorable business climate for us."

The Agency then hires, trains and works with them to overthrow the existing government (usually a democracy). –Steve Kangas

A Timeline of CIA Atrocities

<http://www.huppi.com/kangaroo/CIAtimeline.html>

Pakistan is a case in point.

Since 9/11, the Bush administration has been propping up Musharraf's military regime with \$3.6 billion in economic aid from the US and a US-sponsored consortium, not to mention \$900 million in military aid and the postponement of overdue debt repayments totaling \$13.5 billion.

But now the administration is debating whether Musharraf has become too dependent on Islamic extremist political parties in Pakistan to further US interests, and whether he should be pressured to

permit the return of two exiled former prime ministers, Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, who have formed an electoral alliance to challenge him in presidential elections scheduled for next year.

Pakistan: Friend or Foe? The US shouldn't prop up President Musharraf's military regime

The late Benazir Bhutto revealed the truth before she was brutally gunned down in the streets of Karachi

US Policy Causes World Terrorism.

Conveniently for 'official terrorists, she died before she could tell the rest of the story.

When the United States aligns with dictatorships and totalitarian regimes, it compromises the basic democratic principles of its foundation — namely, life, liberty and justice for all.

Dictatorships such as Musharraf's suppress individual rights and freedoms and empower the most extreme elements of society.

Oppressed citizens, unable to represent themselves through other means, often turn to extremism and religious fundamentalism.

Benazir Bhutto, A False Choice for Pakistan

A favorite CIA tactic is the CIA "front".

The May 12 terrorist attacks on the al Hamra, Jadawal and Vinnell compounds in the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh, which killed more than 90 people, were not merely assaults on “symbols” of the imperialist West.

The bombers were also intent on weakening the rule of Saudi royal family.

While the timing of the bombings in Saudi Arabia and in other countries — just hours before US Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in Saudi Arabia — suggested a coordinated assault on US targets, the bombings in Riyadh were targeted at key props of the reactionary regime.

All three Saudi Arabian targets were associated with Saudi Arabia’s role as a US client state residential compounds housing mainly expatriates working in the country, the offices of the Vinnell Corporation and the residences of its employees.

Vinnell, founded in California in 1931, first gained a foothold in Saudi Arabia in 1975.

An article by Matt Gaul in the June 1998 Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review, revealed that it was the culmination of a close relationship between the corporation, the US military and Washington’s intelligence agencies.

This relationship stretched back to the end of World War II, when the US government used the company to ship supplies to the China’s counter-revolutionary party, the Kuomintang.

During the 1950s and '60s, Vinnell constructed US military airfields in Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, Thailand and southern Vietnam.

According to Gaul, it was during this period that Albert Vinnell, the corporation's founder, "offered his staff's services to the [CIA], and several CIA agents used employment with Vinnell as cover for operations in Africa and the Middle East".

Rohan Pearce, CIA front targeted in terrorist attacks, 28 May 2003

How does the CIA do it?

It uses every trick in the book propaganda, stuffed ballot boxes, purchased elections, extortion, blackmail, sexual intrigue, false stories about opponents in the local media, infiltration and disruption of opposing political parties, kidnapping, beating, torture, intimidation, economic sabotage, death squads and even assassination.

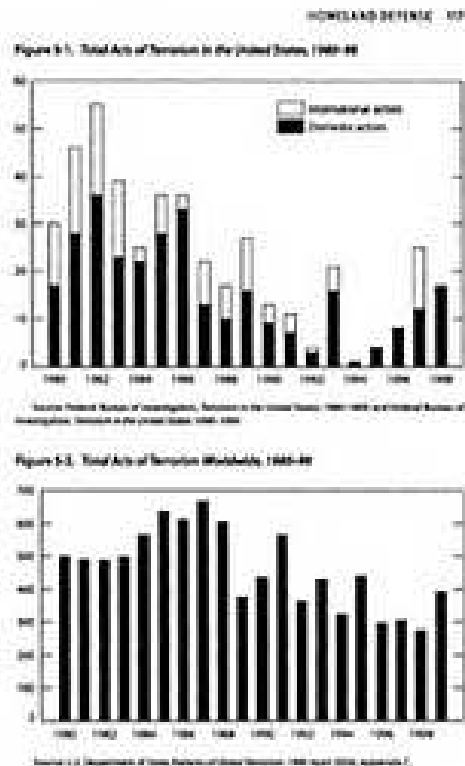
These efforts culminate in a military coup, which installs a right-wing dictator.

The CIA trains the dictator's security apparatus to crack down on the traditional enemies of big business, using interrogation, torture and murder.

The victims are said to be "communists," but almost always they are just peasants, liberals, moderates, labor union leaders, political opponents and advocates of free speech and democracy.

Widespread human rights abuses follow.

A Timeline of CIA Atrocities



The CIA is ruthless in its on-going efforts to eliminate with torture and murder, in necessary, all opposition to the interests of American imperialists.

Saddam Hussein was among the dictators propped up by the US, the CIA specifically.

Saddam ran afoul of Bush Sr by opposing efforts by the Bush regime to keep the price of oil high.



The transcript of US Ambassador April Glaspie's interview with Hussein on the eve of his invasion of Kuwait proves conclusively that Hussein had been set up by the master spy –George Bush Sr.

The CIAs allegiance to the US oil industry is overt and is most certainly at the very heart of well-founded suspicions about the CIA, Texas oil barons, and JFK.

Dealy Plaza is said to have been the nexus of all three!

The origins of Bush's war in Iraq may be found in the Arab Oil embargo of the 1970s.

Three decades ago, in the throes of the energy crisis, Washington's hawks conceived of a strategy for US control of the Persian Gulf's oil.

Now, with the same strategists firmly in control of the White House, the Bush administration is playing out their script for global dominance.

In the geopolitical vision driving current US policy toward Iraq, the key to national security is global hegemony — dominance over any and all potential rivals.

To that end, the United States must not only be able to project its military forces anywhere, at any time.

It must also control key resources, chief among them oil — and especially Gulf oil.

Robert Dreyfuss, Mother Jones



JFK promised to “smash the CIA into a thousand pieces”.

Bill Clinton, on the 50th anniversary of “the company”, defended it with an absurdity that one might have expected from the GOP!

Americans, Clinton said, don’t know or understand what the CIA does and should, therefore, lay off!

Out not knowing what the CIA is up to is precisely the problem.

Bill Clinton is as dead wrong on this issue as Barack Obama is dead wrong about Ronald Reagan.

Both positions are premised upon the idea that the American people are stupid and those that are not ought to be!

The fact is the CIA is out of control and they will continue to get away with it as long as the American people are either ignorant, kept in the dark, or both!

The CIA is unaccountable and because it is, it remains a cancerous source of unchecked corruption and most certainly the inspiration for generations of American hating terrorists who will fight back in kind!

Much has been written about the CIA’s operations, [The Modus Operandi of the CIA] by insiders and outsiders.

One insider who has chronicled what he witnessed in the CIA is Ralph McGehee.

He worked for the CIA from 1952 until 1977 and now writes about intelligence matters, notably the book *Deadly Deceits — My 25 years in the CIA*

(New York Sheridan Square Press, 1983).

He has compiled a computer data base on CIA activities.

http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/CIA/CIA_SOP.html

Here are some excerpts of what he has written

“...it is essential to provide background on the scope and nature of its worldwide operations.

Between 1961 and 1975 the Agency conducted 900 major or sensitive operations, and thousands of lesser covert actions.

The majority of its operations were propaganda, election or paramilitary.

Countries of major concern, such as Indonesia in the early 1960s, were usually subjected to the CIA's most concerted attention.

Critics of the CIA have aptly described the mainstays of such attention: “discrediting political groups... by forged documents that may be attributed to them.

...” faking “communist weapon shipments,” capturing communist documents and then inserting forgeries prepared by the Agency's Technical Services Division.—Ralph McGehee

Much of the rest of the world knows the truth about the CIA, Americans are kept in the dark.

The media dare not tell the truth about the CIA and the Bush administration, in particular, is complicit.

Rare media outlets that dare tell the truth are demonized.

Writers and “liberal” activist Steve Kangas turned up dead just outside the office of **Richard Mellon Scaife, the multi-billionaire** about whom it is no stretch to say he coordinated and bankrolled the “vast right wing conspiracy” to impeach, remove and, in other ways, smear Bill Clinton.

As more documents are declassified and the hidden history is made painfully clear, the CIA's predictable response is compared to the Medieval Church's oppressive response to the Scientific Revolution.

Indeed, there are many things about the CIA's relationship to the world around it that are medieval intolerance, fear, repression, secrecy and torture.

Initially, the CIA would merely harass American writers but foreign writers were tortured and / or murdered. **With the death of Steve Kangas, one wonders if the CIA now operates against the domestic media.**

What's next? An inquisition? The CIA, whose very name is enough to inspire generations of “terrorists”, has outlived its usefulness.

Chapter 5 - Complete 911 Timeline -1993

Bombing of the World Trade Center

Now we have laid some ground work proving The FBI – CIA dirty past, people will be better educated, knowledgeable to read between the lines, see all the facts, see all the evidence, and see how this whole Intelligence Operation, **“False Flag Terrorist Attack”** the 1993 WTC was carried out and went down.

I ask people to make notes about the following: -

1) Notice these two Units were set up?

Terrorist Intelligence Unit Create

Office of Special Planning (OSP)

Instead of the Security Threat information being feed through to Security and Acted upon to Strengthen Security of the buildings against Terrorist Attacks.

The weakness were collected and latter used by the real perpetrators behind Sept 11th 2001 Terrorist Attacks, including how to rob the Bank below the WTC which \$650 Million in Gold Bars were stolen on 911.

2) Wire transfers, in the following your going to read how somebody wired a small amount of money to a relative. \$660 is nothing and you cannot claim a low pitiful amount being wired to somebody being a Security threat.

Come on \$660 ?

Will only buy you a cartoon of beer, packet of smokes and some McDonalds.

- 3) Passports Issued, notice about the passports issued, and how every agency with the responsibility & accountability to stop Terrorism, just let certain people straight into the country.
- 4) FBI – CIA Cover up, notice both these agencies covered up, lied, presented false facts & evidence.
- 5) Obstruction, notice how the CIA covered up, and Obstructed the investigation, withheld evidence & proof and worked against The FBI at every turn.

Taking the above notes into consideration, and the evidence and proof about The FBI & CIA past, you the reader will be in a better position to look at the following and understand how both these agencies carried out The 1993 WTC Bombings, with their patsies, stooges, cutout players.

Complete 911 Timeline -1993 Bombing of the World Trade Center

January 4, 1984: Alleged Terrorist Plot to Bomb WTC Uncovered

The New York Port Authority, which owns the World Trade Center, is aware of terrorism occurring around the world and that the WTC is vulnerable to attack.

It has therefore created the Terrorist Intelligence Unit within its police department, headed by Detective Sergeant Peter Caram, to gather information about terrorist groups and assess the vulnerability of its numerous facilities to attack.

On this day, Caram writes a memo to the assistant superintendent of the Port Authority Police Department, reporting that the FBI has uncovered a terrorist threat.

Two supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini are allegedly planning to bomb the WTC in the near future.

- **Notes: - There is our first clue this was “A False Flag Terrorist” event being set up.**

- **Why would Ayatollah Khomeini want to Bomb the WTC's?**
- **Two supporters DOES NOT = Ayatollah Khomeini was behind the attack or sent anybody forward to carry out a mission**
- **In all our research, investigations, books there is only 5 – 6 agencies in the World carrying out Terrorism Acts.**
- **Israeli Mossad / IDF**
- **FBI**
- **CIA**
- **MI5 / MI6**
- **ASIO**

Lets read on: -

Although the attack never occurs, this is the first of numerous occasions during the 1980s where the WTC is considered a potential target for a terrorist attack. [Caram, 2001, pp. 4-5; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004]

January 17, 1984: Port Authority Terrorist Intelligence Unit Issues Report on WTC Security

Detective Sergeant Peter Caram, the head of the New York Port Authority's Terrorist Intelligence Unit, has been directed by the assistant superintendent of the Port Authority Police Department to compile a report on the vulnerability of the WTC to a terrorist attack.

Having previously worked at the WTC Command, Caram has exclusive knowledge of some of the center's security weaknesses.

On this day he issues his four-page report, titled "Terrorist Threat and Targeting Assessment World Trade Center."

It looks at the reasoning behind why the WTC might be singled out for attack, and identifies three areas of particular vulnerability the perimeter of the WTC complex, the truck dock entrance, and the subgrade area (the lower floors below ground level).

Caram specifically mentions that terrorists could use a car bomb in the subgrade area—a situation similar to what occurs in the 1993 bombing

(see February 26, 1993). [Caram, 2001, pp. 5, 84-85; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004]

This is the first of several reports during the 1980s, identifying the WTC as a potential terrorist target.

Early 1984: Port Authority Establishes Office of Special Planning

Peter Goldmark, the executive director of the New York Port Authority, is concerned that, in light of terrorist attacks occurring around the world (see April 18-October 23, 1983), Port Authority facilities, including the World Trade Center, could become terrorist targets.

[Associated Press, 9/28/2005; New York Times, 10/27/2005]

- **Notes: - Lets stop these lying pack of murdering shits right now and expose them, the Terrorism they are talking about is the US Embassy in Beirut Lebanon is bombed & Marine barracks in Beirut is bombed but we know who did these Bombings Israel.**

Israel's finger prints are all over these bombings why?

- James Abourezk represented South Dakota in Congress from 1971 to 1979.

CNI asked Senator Abourezk about his experiences with the Israel Lobby.

In his first response he told of an Israeli plot to assassinate him.

When I was Chairman of the American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee (ADC), we had two bombing incidents.

I had no idea who was responsible, but I had a guess.

Someone unknown placed a bomb in the doorway of ADC's Boston headquarters.

& - John Gunther Dean American Ambassador reportedly a Target of an Israeli Assassination Plot.

Dean was American ambassador in Lebanon in August 1980 when a three-car convoy carrying him and his family was attacked near Beirut.

"I know as surely as I know anything that Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, was somehow involved in the attack," Dean wrote, describing how he had been under sharp criticism from Israeli politicians and media for his contacts with Palestinians.

"Undoubtedly using a proxy, our ally Israel had tried to kill me."

Summary – So people if any lying sack of shit says Hezbollah Attacked USA assets back then call them out and remind them about Israel trying to kill a US Congressman and US Ambassador.

CIA response to this?

They bent over like bitches and took it up the date!

Lets read on: -

He therefore creates a unit called the Office of Special Planning (OSP) to evaluate the vulnerabilities of all Port Authority facilities and present recommendations to minimize the risks of attack.

The OSP is staffed by Port Authority police and civilian workers, and is headed by Edward O'Sullivan, who has experience in counter terrorism from earlier careers in the Navy and Marine Corps.

In carrying out its work, the OSP will consult with such US agencies as the FBI, CIA, Secret Service, NSA, and Defense Department.

It will also consult with security officials from other countries that have gained expertise in combating terrorism, such as England, France, Italy, and Israel.

[Glanz and Lipton, 2004, pp. 226; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004]

According to Peter Caram, head of the Port Authority's Terrorist Intelligence Unit, the OSP will develop "an expertise unmatched in the United States." [Caram, 2001, pp. 12]

In 1985 it will issue a report called "Counter-Terrorism Perspectives The World Trade Center" (see November 1985).

[New York Court of Appeals, 2/16/1999] It will exist until 1987. [Village Voice, 1/5/2000]

(Between Early 1984 and October 1985):
Office of Special Planning Studies
Vulnerability of WTC to Terrorist Attack

The Office of Special Planning (OSP), a unit set up by the New York Port Authority to assess the security of its facilities against terrorist attacks (see Early 1984), spends four to six months studying the World Trade Center.

It examines the center's design through looking at photographs, blueprints, and plans.

It brings in experts such as the builders of the center, plus experts in sabotage and explosives, and has them walk through the WTC to identify any areas of vulnerability.

According to New York Times reporters James Glanz and Eric Lipton, when Edward O'Sullivan, head of the OSP, looks at WTC security, he finds "one vulnerability after another.

Explosive charges could be placed at key locations in the power system, Chemical or biological agents could be dropped into the coolant system.

Notes: - Lets stop these lying shits there, the problem is about Terrorist using Chemical & Biological Agents is "A Supposedly Terrorist Group with these things" Has to have a Lab to create them in, NO evidence can be supported any Terrorist like group has gone out and rented some Lab somewhere?

Hired a bunch of Scientist to create these Chemical / Biological Agents?

They also need a sample to go off?

But lets see who have an Active Chemical & Biological Weapons / Agents Program/

- **America**
- **England**
- **France**
- **Israel**

So how are Terrorist supposedly going to do a Terrorist Attack using these items they don't possess or make?

Unless one of these countries give them the stuff!

Lets read on: -

The Hudson River water intake could be blown up.

Someone might even try to infiltrate the large and vulnerable subterranean realms of the World Trade Center site."

In particular, "There was no control at all over access to the underground, two-thousand-car parking garage."

However, O'Sullivan consults "one of the trade center's original structural engineers, Les Robertson, on whether the towers would collapse because of a bomb or a collision with a slow-moving airplane."

He is told there is “little likelihood of a collapse no matter how the building was attacked.”

[Glanz and Lipton, 2004, pp. 227; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004]

The OSP will issue its report called “Counter-Terrorism Perspectives: The World Trade Center” late in 1985 (see November 1985).

July 1985: Report Outlines Terrorism Threat to WTC

While the Office of Special Planning is still working on its report about the vulnerability of the World Trade Center to terrorist attack, the New York Port Authority hired security consultant Charles Schnabolk to also review the center’s security systems.

[Express (.com), 10/12/2001; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004] Schnabolk was involved in designing the original security system when the WTC complex was built.

[Institute for Design Professionals, 2009; The Security Design Group, 2010]

This month his secret report, titled “Terrorism Threat Perspective and Proposed Response for the World Trade Center” is released.

It sets out four levels of possible terrorism against the center, and gives examples of each: -

- (1) PREDICTABLE—Bomb threats
- (2) PROBABLE—Bombing attempts, computer crime
- (3) POSSIBLE—Hostage taking
- (4) CATASTROPHIC—Aerial bombing, chemical agents in water supply or air conditioning (caused by agents of a foreign government or a programmed suicide)."

Similar to other reports in the mid-1980s, it also warns that the WTC "is highly vulnerable through the parking lot."

[UExpress (.com), 10/12/2001; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004]

November 1985: Office of Special Planning Report Calls WTC a 'Most Attractive Terrorist Target'

After assessing the security of New York Port Authority facilities, the Office of Special Planning (OSP), the Port Authority's own antiterrorist task force, releases a report called "Counter-Terrorism Perspectives The World Trade Center."

For security purposes, only seven copies are made, being hand-delivered and signed for by its various recipients, including the executive director of the Port Authority.

The superintendent of the Port Authority Police, and the director of the World Trade Department.

[New York Court of Appeals, 2/16/1999; Village Voice, 1/5/2000] Because of the WTC's visibility, symbolic value, and it being immediately recognizable to people from around the world, the report concludes that the center is a "most attractive terrorist target."

[New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004] The report, which is 120 pages long, lists various possible methods of attacking the center.

[New York Court of Appeals, 2/16/1999; Caram, 2001, pp. 103; Barrett and Collins, 2006, pp. 87]

One of these is that a "time bomb-laden vehicle could be driven into the WTC and parked in the public parking area....

Notes: - Did you notice that?

Come on people, this is important, did you notice the wording they used in these stories, reports?

"Time Bomb – Laden" = Osama Bin Laden?

By working his last name into stories, when eventually Tim Osman (CIA Code Name) Osama Bin Laden is brought into these stories and blamed, you would have been brainwashed already because of cheap mind control tricks – they programmed you already in planted stories.

Lets read on: -

At a predetermined time, the bomb could be exploded in the basement.” [Glanz and Lipton, 2004, pp. 227]

As a Senate Committee Report will find in August 1993, “The specifics of the February 26, 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center garage were almost identical to those envisioned in the [OSP] report.”

[New York Court of Appeals, 2/16/1999] Due to the Port Authority’s failure to adequately implement the OSP’s recommendations, the report will be crucial evidence in a successful civil trial against it in October 2005, charging negligence in failing to prevent the 1993 bombing.

[Bloomberg, 10/26/2005; New York Times, 10/27/2005; New York Times, 2/18/2006] As of mid-2006, the other possible methods of attacking the WTC listed in the report remain undisclosed.

1986: ‘Blind Sheikh’ Secretly Meets with Al Taqwa Bank Leader and Others

Ahmed Ben Bella, a former president of Algeria, reportedly holds a secret meeting at his Switzerland home attended by “major figures in some of the world’s most violent groups.”

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People attending the meeting include the Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman (known as the “Blind Sheikh”) Youssef Nada, head of the Al Taqwa Bank and a major Muslim Brotherhood figure and Sayyed Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, a leading Lebanese Shi’ite Muslim scholar.

US government sources believe Ben Bella, who is allegedly linked to violent Sudanese and Libyan groups, called the meeting to discuss ways to spread Muslim fundamentalism into the West.

[Buffalo News, 7/6/1993] Shortly after 9/11, a document called “The Project” written in 1982 will be found in Nada’s house.

It outlines a secret Muslim Brotherhood plan to infiltrate and defeat Western countries (see December 1982).

(Mid-1986): Report Rates Vulnerability of Public Areas of WTC to Terrorist Attack as ‘Very High’

Following the release of the Office of Special Planning’s (OSP) report, which called the WTC a “most attractive terrorist target” (see November 1985), the New York Port Authority, which owns the center, seeks a second opinion on the OSP’s recommendations.



At a cost of approximately \$100,000, it hires the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to review the general security of the WTC.

SAIC states in its report that the attractiveness of the WTC's public areas to terrorists is "very high."

Like the OSP, SAIC pays particular attention to the underground levels of the center and describes a possible attack scenario much like what occurs in the 1993 bombing.

[Caram, 2001, pp. 105-106; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004]

1987: Office of Special Planning Closes Down

The New York Port Authority's Office of Special Planning (OSP) is closed down.

It had been established in 1984 (see Early 1984) to evaluate and address the vulnerabilities of Port Authority facilities, including the World Trade Center, to terrorist attacks.

[Village Voice, 1/5/2000; New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004] The reasons for the closure are unknown.



However, Peter Goldmark, who'd created the OSP, had resigned as executive director of the Port Authority in 1985 to take a new job.

[Glanz and Lipton, 2004, pp. 226-228] So the absence of his support for the office may have been a factor.

February 9, 1988: Emad Salem Arrives in US Becomes FBI Informant

Emad Salem, a former lieutenant colonel in the Egyptian army, arrives in New York from Egypt [Washington Post, 8/26/1993]

He soon starts working for the FBI as an informant in the underworld of the New York Russian community—with particular attention to activities involving the Russian mafia and KGB. [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 69]

FBI officials are wary of Salem, however, because they suspect that he may be connected to Egyptian intelligence. [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 71]

Late 1980s: Ramzi Yousef Recruited by CIA?

Al-Qaeda bomber Ramzi Yousef is said to be recruited by the CIA, though details are not known.

Author Richard Labeviere reported without elaboration in a 1999 book, "A classified FBI file indicates that [Yousef] was recruited by the local branch of the CIA."

[Labeviere, 1999, pp. 220-221] In 1995, Newsday will report, "FBI officials also are considering a probe of whether the CIA had any relationship with Yousef, who fought with the CIA-financed mujaheddin in Afghanistan in the 1980s."

[Newsday, 4/16/1995] But there appears to be no further reporting on whether such a probe was conducted.

Yousef is believed to have masterminded a series of bombings in the early 1990s, including the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the planned Bojinka attack, before being captured in 1995 (see February 7, 1995).

If Yousef was recruited by the CIA, it may have been in the late 1980s when the CIA recruited and trained thousands of people around the world to fight in Afghanistan (see 1986-1992).

In the late 1980s, Yousef was studying engineering at a Wales college, but he'd also joined the Muslim Brotherhood while there.

During a break from school in 1988, he went to one of bin Laden's training camps in Afghanistan and spent several months honing his bomb-making skills. [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 78]

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(April 25-May 1989): US Holds Secret Meetings with Egyptian Terror Group Headed by 'Blind Sheikh'

Members of Egyptian militant group Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya, whose spiritual head is the 'Blind Sheikh,' Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, hold a series of secret meetings with US officials at the American embassy in Cairo.

The meetings are initiated by Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya, which wants to co-operate with the US, because it thinks the US is co-operating with and supporting the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt.

At the meetings, representatives of the group tell the US: -

- Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya has between 150,000 and 200,000 members
- One of the representatives at the meetings sat on Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya's shura, or leadership council, between 1981 and 1988.

The 11 members of the group's shura are named at the meetings, as is its operational commander.

- Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya thinks highly of Saudi Arabian King Fahd, but believes he should take a stronger line against Iran.

However, Abdul-Rahman met an Iranian delegation in Pakistan in autumn 1988

- The group will not attack US diplomats
- Abdul-Rahman travels to the US yearly, and also travels to Britain
- The group is not as secret and violent as represented by the Egyptian government and has undergone a “change in thinking,” becoming concerned about its radical and violent image.

Embassy officials are skeptical about some of the claims, as the group’s representatives reveal more than the officials think is prudent.

One year after the meetings, Abdul-Rahman will be issued a US visa by a CIA officer and move to the US (see July 1990). [US Embassy in Cairo, 4/25/1989 □; US Embassy in Cairo, 5/3/1989 □]

July 1989: FBI Monitors Future Bombers Weapons Training Sessions; Fail to Follow Up

One of the Calverton surveillance photographs introduced as evidence in court (note that some faces have been blurred out). [Source: National Geographic]

FBI agents photograph Islamic radicals shooting weapons at the Calverton Shooting Range, on Long Island, New York.

The group is secretly monitored as they shoot AK-47 assault rifles, semiautomatic handguns, and revolvers for four successive weekends.

The use of weapons such as AK-47's are illegal in the US, but this shooting range is known to be unusually permissive.

Ali Mohamed is apparently not at the range but has been training the five men there El Sayyid Nosair, Mahmud Abouhalima,

Mohammed Salameh, Nidal Ayyad, and Clement Rodney Hampton-El.

Nosair will assassinate Rabbi Meir Kahane one year later (see November 5, 1990), and the others except for Hampton-El will be convicted of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993), while Hampton-El will be convicted for a role in the "Landmarks" bombing plot (see June 24, 1993).

Some FBI agents have been assigned to watch some Middle Eastern men who are frequenting the Al-Kifah Refugee Center in Brooklyn.

Each weekend, Mohamed's trainees drive from Al-Kifah to the shooting range, and a small FBI surveillance team follows them.

The FBI has been given a tip that some Palestinians at Al-Kifah are planning violence targeting Atlantic City casinos.

By August, the casino plot fails to materialize, and the surveillance, including that at the shooting range, comes to an end.

Author Peter Lance will later say that why the FBI failed to follow up the shooting sessions is a “great unanswered question.” [Lance, 2003, pp. 29-33; New York Times, 10/5/2003]

July 1990: 'Blind Sheikh' Enters US Despite Being on Terrorist Watch List, Takes Over Al-Kifah

Despite being on a US terrorist watch list for three years, radical Muslim leader Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman enters the US on a “much-disputed” tourist visa issued by an undercover CIA agent.

[Village Voice, 3/30/1993; Atlantic Monthly, 5/1996; Lance, 2003, pp. 42] Abdul-Rahman was heavily involved with the CIA and Pakistani ISI efforts to defeat the Soviets in Afghanistan, and became famous traveling all over the world for five years recruiting new fighters for the Afghan war.

The CIA gave him visas to come to the US starting in 1986 (see December 15, 1986-1989) .

However, he never hid his prime goals to overthrow the governments of the US and Egypt.

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[Atlantic Monthly, 5/1996] FBI agent Tommy Corrigan will later say that prior to Abdul-Rahman's arrival, "terrorism for all intents and purposes didn't exist in the United States.

But [his] arrival in 1990 really stoke the flames of terrorism in this country.

This was a major-league ballplayer in what at the time was a minor-league ballpark.

He was... looked up to worldwide.

A mentor to bin Laden, he was involved with the MAK over in Pakistan."

The charity front Maktab al-Khidamat (MAK) is also known as Al-Kifah, and it has a branch in Brooklyn known as the Al-Kifah Refugee Center.

The head of that branch, Mustafa Shalabi, picks up Abdul-Rahman at the airport when he first arrives and finds an apartment for him.

Abdul-Rahman soon begins preaching at Al Farouq mosque, which is in the same building as the Al-Kifah office, plus two other locals mosques, Abu Bakr and Al Salaam.

[Lance, 2006, pp. 53] He quickly turns Al-Kifah into his "de facto headquarters." [Atlantic Monthly, 5/1996] He is "infamous throughout the Arab world for his alleged role in the assassination of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat."

Abdul-Rahman immediately begins setting up a militant Islamic network in the US. [Village Voice, 3/30/1993] He is believed to have befriended bin Laden while in Afghanistan, and bin Laden secretly pays Abdul-Rahman's US living expenses.

[Atlantic Monthly, 5/1996; ABC News, 8/16/2002] For the next two years, Abdul-Rahman will continue to exit and reenter the US without being stopped or deported, even though he is still on the watch list (see Late October 1990-October 1992).

Late October 1990-October 1992: 'Blind Sheikh' Able to Repeatedly Leave and Reenter US Despite Being on Watch List

In July 1990, the "Blind Sheikh," Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, was mysteriously able to enter the US and remain there despite being a well known public figure and being on a watch list for three years (see July 1990).

▪ In late October 1990, he travels to London, so he is out of the US when one of his followers assassinates the Zionist rabbi Meir Kahane on November 5, 1990 (see November 5, 1990).

He returns to the US in mid-November under the name "Omar Ahmed Rahman" and again has no trouble getting back in despite still being on the watch list. [Washington Post, 7/13/1993]

The State Department revokes his US visa on November 17 after the FBI informs it that he is in the US. [New York Times, 12/16/1990]

- In December 1990, Abdul-Rahman leaves the US again to attend an Islamic conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

He returns nine days later and again has no trouble reentering, despite not even having a US visa at this point. [Washington Post, 7/13/1993]

- On December 16, 1990, the New York Times publishes an article titled, "Islamic Leader on US Terrorist List Is in Brooklyn," which makes his presence in the US publicly known.

The Immigration and Nationalization Service (INS) is said to be investigating why he has not been deported already. [New York Times, 12/16/1990]

- Yet in April 1991, the INS approves his application for permanent residence.

- He then leaves the US again in June 1991 to go on the religious hajj to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, and returns on July 31, 1991.

INS officials identify him coming in, but let him in anyway. [New York Times, 4/24/1993; Washington Post, 7/13/1993]

- In June 1992, his application for political asylum will be turned down and his permanent residence visa revoked.

But INS hearings on his asylum bid are repeatedly delayed and still have not taken place when the WTC is bombed in February 1993 (see February 26, 1993). [Lance, 2003, pp. 105-106]

- Abdul-Rahman then goes to Canada around October 1992 and returns to the US yet again.

The US and Canada claim to have no documentation on his travel there, but numerous witnesses in Canada see him pray and lecture there.

Representative Charles Schumer (D-NY) says, "Here they spent all this time trying to get him out. He goes to Canada and gives them the perfect reason to exclude him and they don't."

- After the WTC bombing, the US could detain him pending his deportation hearing but chooses not to, saying it would be too costly to pay for his medical bills. [New York Times, 4/24/1993]

Abdul-Rahman will be involved in the follow up "Landmarks" plot (see June 24, 1993) before finally being arrested later in 1993.

It will later be alleged that he was protected by the CIA.

In 1995, the New York Times will comment that the link between Abdul-Rahman and the CIA "is a tie that remains muddy." [New York Times, 10/2/1995]

November 5, 1990: First Bin Laden-Related Terror Attack in US as Jewish Rabbi Is Assassinated

Egyptian-American El Sayyid Nosair assassinates controversial right-wing Zionist leader Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Kahane's organization, the Jewish Defense League, was linked to dozens of bombings and is ranked by the FBI as the most lethal domestic militant group in the US at the time.

Nosair is captured after a police shoot-out. [Village Voice, 3/30/1993] Within hours, overwhelming evidence suggests that the assassination was a wide conspiracy but the US government will immediately declare that Nosair was a lone gunman and ignore the evidence suggesting otherwise (see November 5, 1990 and After).

Nosair will later be acquitted of Kahane's murder (though he will be convicted of lesser charges) as investigators continue to ignore most of the evidence in his case which links to a wider conspiracy (see December 7, 1991).

Nosair is connected to al-Qaeda through his job at the Al-Kifah Refugee Center, an al-Qaeda front (see 1986-1993).



A portion of Nosair's defense fund will be paid for by bin Laden, although this will not be discovered until some time later. [ABC News, 8/16/2002; Lance, 2003, pp. 34-37]

November 5, 1990 and After: US Promotes Lone Gunman Theory in Kahane Assassination, Hiding Evidence of Al-Qaeda Links

Investigators remove boxes of evidence from El Sayyid Nosair's residence hours after the assassination.

US government agencies cover up evidence of a conspiracy in the wake of El Sayyid Nosair's assassination of controversial right-wing Zionist leader Rabbi Meir Kahane (see November 5, 1990).

Nosair is captured a few blocks from the murder site after a police shoot-out.

An FBI informant says he saw Nosair meeting with Muslim leader Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman a few days before the attack, and evidence indicating a wider plot with additional targets is quickly found.

[Village Voice, 3/30/1993] Later that night, police arrive at Nosair's house and find a pair of Middle Eastern men named Mahmud Abouhalima and Mohammed Salameh there.

They are taken in for questioning. Additionally, police collect a total of 47 boxes of evidence from Nosair's house, including: [Lance, 2003, pp. 34-35]

- Thousands of rounds of ammunition.
- Maps and drawings of New York City landmarks, including the World Trade Center.
- Documents in Arabic containing bomb making formulas, details of an Islamic militant cell, and mentions of the term "al-Qaeda."
- Recorded sermons by Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman in which he encourages his followers to "destroy the edifices of capitalism" and destroy "the enemies of Allah" by "destroying their... high world buildings."
- Tape-recorded phone conversations of Nosair reporting to Abdul-Rahman about paramilitary training, and even discussing bomb-making manuals.
- Videotaped talks that Ali Mohamed delivered at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- Top secret manuals also from Fort Bragg.

There are even classified documents belonging to the US Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander in Chief of the Army's Central Command.

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These manuals and documents had clearly come from Mohamed, who completed military service at Fort Bragg the year before and frequently stayed in Nosair's house.

- A detailed and top secret plan for Operation Bright Star, a special operations training exercise simulating an attack on Baluchistan, a part of Pakistan between Afghanistan and the Arabian Sea.

[Raleigh News and Observer, 10/21/2001; Raleigh News and Observer, 11/13/2001; Wall Street Journal, 11/26/2001; ABC News, 8/16/2002; Lance, 2003, pp. 34-35]

- Also within hours, two investigators will connect Nosair with surveillance photographs of Mohamed giving weapons training to Nosair, Abouhalima, Salameh, and others at a shooting range the year before (see July 1989).

[Lance, 2003, pp. 34-35] But, ignoring all of this evidence, still later that evening, Joseph Borelli, the New York police department's chief detective, will publicly declare the assassination the work of a "lone deranged gunman."

He will further state, "I'm strongly convinced that he acted alone.... He didn't seem to be part of a conspiracy or any terrorist organization."

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The 9/11 Congressional Inquiry will later conclude, "The [New York Police Department] and the District Attorney's office... reportedly wanted the appearance of speedy justice and a quick resolution to a volatile situation.

By arresting Nosair, they felt they had accomplished both." [Village Voice, 3/30/1993; Lance, 2003, pp. 34-36] Abouhalima and Salameh are released, only to be later convicted for participating in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Investigators will later find in Nosair's possessions a formula for a bomb almost identical to one used in the WTC bombing.

[New Yorker, 3/17/1995] As one FBI agent will later put it, "The fact is that in 1990, myself and my detectives, we had in our office in handcuffs, the people who blew up the World Trade Center in '93.

We were told to release them.

The 47 boxes of evidence collected at Nosair's house that evening are stored away, inaccessible to prosecutors and investigators.

The documents found will not be translated until after the World Trade Center bombing.

Nosair will later be acquitted of Kahane's murder (though he will be convicted of lesser charges), as investigators will continue to ignore all evidence that could suggest Nosair did not act alone (see December 7, 1991).

[ABC News, 8/16/2002; Lance, 2003, pp. 34-37] District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, who prosecuted the case, will later speculate the CIA may have encouraged the FBI not to pursue any other leads.

Nosair worked at the Al-Kifah Refugee Center which was closely tied to covert CIA operations in Afghanistan (see Late 1980s and After). [New Yorker, 3/17/1995]

Mid-November 1990: CIA Allegedly Blocks FBI Investigation of 'Blind Sheikh' in Kahane Assassination

The FBI is apparently under pressure to back off from investigating Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman.

One week after the murder of Zionist rabbi Meir Kahane, a long-time FBI counterterrorism expert meets with one of his top undercover operatives.

According to the FBI agent, the undercover operative asks, "Why aren't we going after the Sheikh [Abdul-Rahman]?"

The FBI agent replies, "It's hands-off."

He further explains, "It was no accident that the Sheikh got a visa and that he's still in the country.

He's here under the banner of national security, the State Department, the NSA, and the CIA."

The agent concludes that Abdul-Rahman is untouchable.

Noting how the government is already firmly suggesting that El Sayyid Nosair was the only one involved in Kahane's murder, he says, "I haven't seen the lone-gunman theory advocated [so forcefully] since John F. Kennedy."

[Village Voice, 3/30/1993] The FBI will also fail to look at a wealth of evidence suggesting others were involved in the assassination (see November 5, 1990 and After).

1991: Private Security Report Indicates WTC Is Terrorist Target

During the mid-1980s, a series of reports described the vulnerability of the World Trade Center to terrorist attack (see July 1985)(see November 1985) (see (Mid-1986)).

Now, because of the increased risk of terrorism against the US due to the Gulf War, the New York Port Authority hires private security company Burns and Roe Securacom to prepare a further report, and tells them that the WTC is a terrorist target.

Unlike previous investigators, Burns and Roe Securacom finds that the center's shopping and pedestrian areas, rather than the underground parking garage, are the most likely targets.

[New York County Supreme Court, 1/20/2004; New York Times, 10/27/2005] After separating from Burns and Roe, Securacom (later called Stratesec) will become one of a number of firms involved in providing security at the WTC, right up to the day of 9/11 (see October 1996). [Progressive Populist, 3/1/2003]

(February 28, 1991): Head of Al-Kifah Charity Front Murdered, Increasing Al-Qaeda's Strength in US

Around February 28, 1991, Mustafa Shalabi, head of the Al-Kifah Refugee Center's main US office in Brooklyn, is murdered.

Al-Kifah is a charity front with ties to both the CIA and al-Qaeda (see 1986-1993).

Shalabi's body is found in his house on March 1.

He had been shot and stabbed multiple times and \$100,000 was stolen.

Shalabi is found with two red hairs in his hand, and the FBI soon suspects Mahmud Abouhalima, who is red-headed, for the murder.

Abouhalima identified Shalabi's body for the police, falsely claiming to be Shalabi's brother.

He will later be one of the 1993 WTC bombers.

Shalabi had been having a growing public dispute with the “Blind Sheikh,” Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, over where to send the roughly one million dollars Al-Kifah was raising annually.

Abdul-Rahman wanted some of the money to be used to overthrow the Egyptian government while Shalabi wanted to send all of it to Afghanistan.

Shalabi had given up the fight and had already booked a flight to leave the US when he was killed. The murder is never solved.

[Lance, 2003, pp. 49-52; Lance, 2006, pp. 65-66] Abdul Wali Zindani takes over as head of Al-Kifah and apparently will run the office until it closes shortly after the 1993 WTC bombing.

He is nephew of Sheikh Abdul Majeed al-Zindani, a radical imam in Yemen with ties to bin Laden.

Abdul-Rahman, also linked to bin Laden, increases his effective control over Al-Kifah and its money.

[Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 82] Al-Kifah's links to al-Qaeda were already strong before Shalabi's death.

But author Peter Lance will later comment that after his death, “Osama bin Laden had an effective al-Qaeda cell right in the middle of Brooklyn, New York.



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A tough look at the Shalabi murder might have ripped the lid off al-Qaeda years before the FBI ever heard of the network.” [Lance, 2003, pp. 52]


December 1991-May 1992: Bin Laden-Linked Bomber Ramzi Yousef Trains Philippine Militants

Ramzi Yousef, the future bomber of the WTC in 1993, stays in the Philippines and trains militants there in bomb-making.

According to Philippine intelligence documents, Yousef had developed expertise in bomb-making and worked at a training camp at Khost, Afghanistan, teaching bomb-making for militants connected to bin Laden.

But bin Laden dispatches him to the Philippines, where he trains about 20 militants belonging to the Abu Sayyaf group.

Abu Sayyaf is heavily penetrated by Philippine undercover operatives at this time, especially Edwin Angeles, an operative who is the second in command of the group.

Angeles will later recall that Yousef is introduced to him at this time as an “emissary from bin Laden.” [Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College, 9/1/2005 

Angeles also claims Yousef decided to use the Philippines as a “launching pad” for terrorist acts around the world.

[New York Times, 9/6/1996] One of Abu Sayyaf's top leaders will later recall that Yousef also brings a significant amount of money to help fund the group.

[Philippine Daily Inquirer, 1/22/2007; CNN, 1/31/2007] A flow chart of Yousef's associates prepared in early 1995 by Angeles' Philippines handler Rodolfo Mendoza shows a box connected to Abu Sayyaf labeled "20 trainees/recruits."

So presumably the Philippine government is aware of this information by then, but it is not known when they warned the US about it (see Spring 1995).

Yousef will also later admit to planning the 1993 WTC bombing at an Abu Sayyaf base, which most likely takes place at this time (see Early 1992).

The ties between Yousef and Abu Sayyaf will grow stronger, culminating in the 1995 Bojinka plot (see January 6, 1995), an early version of the 9/11 plot.

Early 1992: Yousef Plans WTC Bombing at Militant Base in Philippines

Al-Qaeda bomber Ramzi Yousef plans the 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993) at an Abu Sayyaf base in the Philippines.

Yousef will admit this during his trial for the bombing after his 1995 arrest.

He says he plotted there with “Afghans”—other veterans of the war in Afghanistan during the 1980s.

[Labeviere, 1999, pp. 220-221] It isn’t known when he did this exactly, but reports place him in the Philippines with the Abu Sayyaf for much of early 1992 (see December 1991-May 1992) before his trip to the US in September 1992 (see September 1, 1992), so it most likely took place then.

It will later come to light that the Abu Sayyaf militant group is deeply penetrated by the Philippine government at this time, as even the second in command of the group is an undercover operative (see 1991-Early February 1995).

It is not known if the Philippine government gave the US any warning about Yousef’s activities.

January 1992-Summer 1993: Texas Arrest Could Help Investigators Link WTC Bombers to Bin Laden

In January 1992, Wadih El-Hage is briefly arrested and detained by police in Arlington, Texas, for a traffic violation. Police records show the driver of the car is Marwan Salama.

From late 1992 until about a month before the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993 (see February 26, 1993), more than two dozen calls were placed from phones used by the bombers to an Arlington number used by Salama.

Salama is never charged with any crime and continues to live in the US at least through late 1998.

[Dallas Morning News, 10/28/1998] Several months later, El-Hage moves to Sudan to work as bin Laden's personal secretary.

He registers his presence there with the US consulate.

[Jacquard, 2002, pp. 80] US intelligence began investigating El-Hage in 1991 for links to both a murder and an assassination in the US (see March 1991), and in the summer of 1993 one of the WTC bombers reveals his links to El-Hage (see Summer 1993).

Presumably, links can be drawn between the bombers and El-Hage working for bin Laden in Sudan, but it is unknown if that link is made.

February 1992-February 7, 1995: Ramzi Yousef's Stay at Pakistani Guesthouse Links Him to Bin Laden



Apparently the bin Laden guest house where Yousef lived.

[Source: National Geographic] According to Pakistani investigators, Ramzi Yousef spends most of this time at the Beit Ashuhada guesthouse (translated as House of Martyrs) in Peshawar, Pakistan, which is funded by Osama bin Laden.

Pakistani investigators reveal this bin Laden-Yousef connection to US intelligence in March 1995.

The CIA will publicly reveal this in 1996.

[Tenet, 2007, pp. 100] While living there, Yousef receives help and financing from two unnamed senior al-Qaeda representatives.

[Reeve, 1999, pp. 47] Yousef will be arrested at another nearby bin Laden safe house in February 1995 (see February 7, 1995) with bin Laden's address found in his pocket.

[London Times, 10/18/1997] During these years, Yousef takes long trips to the US in preparation of the WTC bombing (see February 26, 1993) and the Philippines, where several plots are developed (see January 6, 1995).

He also uses an al-Qaeda influenced mosque in Milan, Italy, as a logistical base (see 1995-1997).

April 24-September 1, 1992: WTC Bombers Have Numerous Links to Al-Kifah Charity Front

On April 24, 1992, Houston pizza deliveryman Ahmad Ajaj and San Antonio cabdriver Ibrahim Ahmad Suleiman fly together from Texas to Pakistan.

Suleiman is a Texas contact of the al-Kifah Refugee Center, the Brooklyn-based Islamist militant organization linked to both the CIA and al-Qaeda (see 1986-1993).

Suleiman had begun raising funds for the Afghan war in Texas in the late 1980s, and acquaintances said he traveled to Pakistan several times, carrying a briefcase full of cash to fund the mujaheddin fighting in Afghanistan.

When they arrive in Pakistan, they stay at a hostel in Peshawar, near the Afghanistan border, known as the Abdullah Azzam House.

Named after Osama bin Laden's mentor Abdullah Azzam, this hostel is owned by al-Kifah and also houses its Pakistan headquarters.

Ajaj and Suleiman stay there off and on over the next several months.

Al-Qaeda bomber Ramzi Yousef also sometimes stays there during the same months.

Ajaj also allegedly receives explosives training at an Afghanistan training camp with Yousef.

His letter of introduction to the camp is signed by an Azzam House official.

On September 1, 1992, Ajaj and Yousef arrive together in New York City on a flight from Pakistan.

Ajaj is carrying some bomb manuals investigators will later find the fingerprints of Ajaj, Yousef, and Suleiman on them.

Both men are carrying identification cards that give the PO box number in Tucson, Arizona, that matches an al-Kifah branch there.

Ajaj is briefly detained at the airport, but Yousef is allowed to go. [Dallas Morning News, 6/8/1997]

He gets into a taxi and tells the taxi driver to drive him to the building that houses the al-Qaeda headquarters in Brooklyn as well as the closely associated Al Farooq mosque, led at the time by the "Blind Shiekh," Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman.

[Lance, 2003] Ajaj and Yousef will later be sentenced to life in prison for their roles in the 1993 WTC bombing (see February 26, 1993).

Suleiman will only be sentenced to 10 months in prison for lying to a grand jury about his travels with Ajaj.

[New York Times, 11/25/1998] A CIA internal report will conclude the agency is "partly culpable" for the WTC bombing, mainly due to its support for al-Kifah (see January 24, 1994).



Early July 1992: FBI Fires Informant Who Has Penetrated WTC Bombing Group

In mid-June 1992, FBI informant Emad Salem talks to El Sayyid Nosair, who is in prison for killing Zionist leader Rabbi Meir Kahane (see November 5, 1990).

Nosair and an associate of his named Ali Shinawy reveal to Salem that their group (all of whom are close to Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman) is plotting to set off bombs at twelve “Jewish locations” in New York City, including temples and banks.

A few days later, Nossair’s cousin Ibrahim El-Gabrownny introduces Salem to “Dr. Rashid,” which is an alias for Clement Rodney Hampton-El, although Salem does not know that yet.

“Dr. Rashid” says he is unable to get the remote bomb detonators the group wants, but he can get already assembled pipe bombs for about \$1,000 apiece, and guns.

Salem and Shinawy agree to find a warehouse where they can build the bombs.

Salem tells all of this to his FBI handlers Louis Napoli and John Anticev, but their boss, Carson Dunbar, insists that Salem has to wear a wire so they can record conversations in order to get the evidence to make a convincing court case against the plotters.

But Salem, who is only being paid \$500 a week to inform for the FBI, refuses to wear a wire, saying it is too dangerous.

The FBI had been able to corroborate most of Salem's information through their own surveillance such as the monitoring of Nosair's calls from prison.

But even though Salem is easily the FBI's best source of information on Abdul-Rahman's group, the FBI fires Salem in early July 1991.

[Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 70-75] The FBI had a long tradition of having pure intelligence agents who did not wear wires.

One FBI source will later note that the FBI could have easily gotten what they needed to make a criminal case without Salem wearing a wire.

"It would just take a little more work.

We'd have to take his leads and do surveillance.

Follow these guys and contain the threat.

This is what the FBI does." [Lance, 2003, pp. 92] Author Peter Lance will later comment that without Salem, "Now, when it came to Nosair, the bombing plot, and Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, the [FBI] was essentially flying blind."



The FBI will be unaware as the “Jewish locations” plot morphs into a plot to bomb the World Trade Center over the next several months. [Lance, 2003, pp. 92]

September 1, 1992: US Misses Opportunity to Stop First WTC Bombing and Discover Al-Qaeda

Al-Qaeda Operatives Ahmad Ajaj and Ramzi Yousef enter the US together.

Ajaj is arrested at Kennedy Airport in New York City. Yousef is not arrested, and later, he masterminds the 1993 bombing of the WTC.

“The US government was pretty sure Ajaj was a terrorist from the moment he stepped foot on US soil,” because his “suitcases were stuffed with fake passports, fake IDs and a cheat sheet on how to lie to US immigration inspectors,” plus “two handwritten notebooks filled with bomb recipes, six bomb-making manuals, four how-to videotapes concerning weaponry, and an advanced guide to surveillance training.”

However, Ajaj is charged only with passport fraud, and serves a six-month sentence.

From prison, Ajaj frequently calls Yousef and others in the 1993 WTC bombing plot, but no one translates the calls until long after the bombing.

[Los Angeles Times, 10/14/2001] Ajaj is released from prison three days after the WTC bombing, but is later rearrested and sentenced to more than 100 years in prison.

[Los Angeles Times, 10/14/2001] One of the manuals seized from Ajaj is horribly mistranslated for the trial.

For instance, the title page is said to say "The Basic Rule," published in Jordan in 1982, when in fact the title says "al-Qaeda" (which means "the base" in English), published in Afghanistan in 1989.

Investigators later complain that a proper translation could have shown an early connection between al-Qaeda and the WTC bombing. [New York Times, 1/14/2001]

An Israeli Newsweekly later reports that the Palestinian Ajaj may have been a mole for the Israeli Mossad.

The Village Voice has suggested that Ajaj may have had "advance knowledge of the World Trade Center bombing, which he shared with Mossad, and that Mossad, for whatever reason, kept the secret to itself."

Ajaj was not just knowledgeable, but was involved in the planning of the bombing from his prison cell. [Village Voice, 8/3/1993]



October 3, 1992: FBI Learns Al-Kifah Charity Front Is Forming an Elite Armed Militia

Garrett Wilson is a burly ex-US Army Ranger and military police officer at a naval base in Philadelphia who also runs his own security business.

He is also a trusted FBI informant, helping to monitor militant black Muslims who come to him to for paramilitary training and to buy surplus military equipment.

On October 3, 1992, Wilson gets a call from Abdul Wali Zindani, head of the Al-Kifah Refugee Center in Brooklyn.

Al-Kifah is a charity front linked to both al-Qaeda and the CIA (see 1986-1993).

Zindani wants Wilson to help train and supply an elite group of about ten men.

Wilson then speaks to Abu Ubaidah Yahya, security chief for Al-Kifah, and Yahya further explains that they are especially interested in hostage rescue training.

Wilson contacts his FBI handlers John Liguori and Tommy Corrigan, who are intrigued.

They are aware that friends of El Sayyid Nosair have been plotting to break Nosair from prison and worry the hostage rescue training could be related to that, since Nosair has been closely linked to Al-Kifah.

They tell Wilson to remain in contact with the people at Al-Kifah and see what develops. [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 81-83]

November 1992-February 11, 1993: Egyptian Intelligence Repeatedly Warns US about Cells Linked to 'Blind Sheikh' in New York

Beginning in November 1992, Egyptian intelligence repeatedly warns US intelligence that Sheikh Abdul-Rahman's principal mosques in the US, the Al Salaam and Al Farouq mosques in Brooklyn, are "hotbeds of terrorist activity," and that Abdul-Rahman is plotting a new round of terrorist attacks in Egypt.

The Al-Kifah Refugee Center charity front is based inside the Al Farouq mosque (see 1986-1993).

One Egyptian official later says, "There were many, many contacts between Cairo and Washington."

On November 12, 1992, members of the Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya militant group led by Abdul-Rahman machine-guns a bus-load of Western tourists in Egypt, injuring five Germans.

[Village Voice, 3/30/1993] Between February 6 and 11, 1993, some FBI agents travel to Cairo, Egypt, to discuss Egyptian concerns with officials there.

The Egyptians are said to warn about certain terrorist cells in the US connected to Abdul-Rahman but do not specifically warn about the WTC bombing.

[New York Times, 4/6/1993] Perhaps as a result of these concerns, on February 13, the FBI obtains a FISA warrant and begins tapping Abdul-Rahman's phone calls.

[Lance, 2003, pp. 103] Shortly after the WTC bombing two weeks later (see February 26, 1993), Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will say that the bombing could have been prevented if Egypt's warnings had been heeded. [New York Times, 4/6/1993]

Mid-November-December 20, 1992: FBI Informant Learns of Plot to Train and Arm Group with Automatic Weapons and Bombs

In mid-November 1992, Garrett Wilson, an FBI informant who sells military equipment and conducts paramilitary training, is contacted by someone named "Dr. Rashid."

Wilson had previously been contacted by Abu Ubaidah Yahya, the security chief at the Al-Kifah Refugee Center in Brooklyn, a charity front tied to both al-Qaeda and the CIA (see 1986-1993).

Wilson's FBI handlers are excited to learn about this because in June 1992, a "Dr. Rashid" had met with FBI informant Emad Salem and offered to supply bombs and guns (see Early July 1992).

The FBI runs a background check and determines "Dr. Rashid" is really Clement Rodney Hampton-El, who works at a hospital in Long Island.

The also learn from phone records that he has recently made calls to the "Blind Sheikh," Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman. On December 20, 1992, Wilson meets with Yahya and Hampton-El.

They tell him that they want him to train eight to ten men for an international jihad battalion separate from another small group Al-Kifah wants Wilson to help train (see October 3, 1992).

Hampton-El says he will provide AK-47s for the training sessions, but is looking for detonator caps, which are needed to make bombs.

He also says the group will be sent to fight in Bosnia, but they are asking to be instructed in sniper firing and frontal assaults on buildings.

Wilson tells FBI agent Tommy Corrigan, "It sounds to me like they either want to kidnap or kill someone."

Corrigan and other FBI agents are alarmed. [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 83-84]

Late 1992-Early 1993: Bosnian Charity Front Funds Training Camp and Militant Bombers in US

Clement Rodney Hampton-El will later admit that he had been smuggling money into the US for military training from the Third World Relief Agency (TWRA).



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[Hampton-El is linked to Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman and the Al-Kifah Refugee Center and will later be given a long prison term for involvement in the "Landmarks" plot (see June 24, 1993).

He makes several trips to Europe in 1992-1993, raising over \$150,000 to fund a Pennsylvania training camp (see Late 1992-Early 1993).

After one trip to Vienna, Austria (where TWRA has its headquarters), he returns to the US with \$20,000 hidden in his pants to avoid the scrutiny of US customs officers. [United Press International, 8/2/1995] At the time, TWRA is funneling huge amounts of weapons into Bosnia in violation of a UN embargo but with the tacit approval of the US (see Mid-1991-1996).

Hampton-El also travels to Bosnia around this time. [Kohlmann, 2004, pp. 73-74]

December 1992-Early February 1993: Islamist Militants Learn to Fight at Pennsylvania Training Camp

Siddig Siddig Ali, Abdo Mohammed Haggag, Abu Ubaidah Yahya, Mohammed Abouhalima, and others train at a militant training camp in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, with weapons and ammunition provided by Yahya and Clement Rodney Hampton-El (see February 21, 1995).

Abouhalima will later be convicted for a role in the 1993 WTC bombing, as will his brother (see February 26, 1993) while the others mentioned will be convicted for roles in the related “Landmarks” plot (see June 24, 1993).

[USA v. Omar Ahmad Ali Abdel-Rahman et al, 7/13/1995, pp. 9] Yahya is the chief instructor, as he is an ex-US Marine who served two tours in Vietnam and teaches at a martial arts academy.

Siddig Ali will later say of Yahya, “[H]e’s decorated and has a lot of medals... [and he was] a great trainer...”

The training even includes mock nighttime assaults on a nearby electric power substation. [Kohlmann, 2004, pp. 73]

An FBI informant named Garrett Wilson helps lead the FBI to the camp, and the FBI monitors it for two days, January 16 and 17, but the monitoring team is mysteriously pulled away before the end of the second day (see January 16-17, 1993).

In a wiretapped conversation with an FBI informant (most likely Wilson), Siddig Ali says regarding the camp, “Our goal is that these people get extensive and very, very, very good training, so that we can get started at anyplace where jihad (holy war) is needed...”

And after they receive their training, they go to Bosnia...

And whoever survives, I mean, could come and [instruct] somewhere else, or Egypt, or any other place, etc...”

[Kohlmann, 2004, pp. 73] Hampton-El makes trips to Europe to pick up money from the Third World Relief Agency (TWRA) charity front to fund the camp (see Late 1992-Early 1993).

TWRA is funneling huge amounts of weapons into Bosnia in violation of a UN embargo but with the tacit approval of the US (see Mid-1991-1996).

December 19, 1992: FBI, Having Fired Key Informant, Misses Opportunity to Uncover WTC Bombing Plot

Mahmud Abouhalima, one of the 1993 WTC bombing plotters, calls Emad Salem.

Salem had been an FBI informant on a group close to the “Blind Sheikh,” Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, including Abouhalima, but he had been fired by the FBI some months before (see Early July 1992).

Salem is mad at the FBI about being fired and doesn’t bother to tell them about the phone call, and doesn’t call Abouhalima back.

It will later be discovered that on that same day other plotters begin calling chemical companies in search of bomb parts and the next day another FBI informant is contacted and asked to help get bomb parts (see Mid-November-December 20, 1992).

Salem has bomb making expertise so it is likely Abouhalima was calling him to get help in making the bomb to blow up the WTC.

The authors of the 2002 book *The Cell* will later note, "Had Salem still be working as an informant for [the FBI] at the time of the call, the World Trade center bombing plot might well have been cracked before Salem had hung up the phone." [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 84-85]

January 7-13, 1993: FBI Cancels Monitored Meetings that Could Expose WTC Bomb Plot

Garrett Wilson, a paramilitary trainer and gun seller working as an FBI informant, meets with Clement Rodney Hampton-El and Abu Ubaidah Yahya at a Brooklyn restaurant on January 7, 1993.

Yahya is the security chief of the Al-Kifah Refugee Center, a charity front tied to both al-Qaeda and the CIA (see 1986-1993), and Hampton-El is also tied to Al-Kifah.

They had already met Wilson and discussed hiring him to give weapons training to a small group (see Mid-November-December 20, 1992).

They agree that, starting on January 13, Wilson will train the group for five days at a New Jersey shooting range and will get paid \$5,000 for doing so.

(This is not to be confused with other training going on the same month taught by Yahya in Pennsylvania (see December 1992-Early February 1993).)

The FBI plans to monitor the training and follow all of the participants.

But FBI superior Carson Dunbar learns of the plan just before the training is to begin and expresses concern that the FBI could be training potential terrorists.

He dramatically cuts down what Wilson is allowed to teach, so much so that his FBI handlers are worried Wilson will be immediately exposed as a US agent and killed.

Then, as Wilson is getting in his car to drive to the training site, Carson cancels the operation altogether. Luckily for Wilson, he has a good alibi for not attending, so his cover is not blown.

But other FBI agents are furious at Dunbar's behavior. It is not known who would have attended, but Hampton-El and Yahya are loosely connected to many of the 1993 WTC bombers.

The authors of the 2002 book *The Cell* will later comment that the FBI "was just a whisper away from the World Trade Center plot." [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 87-90]

January 15, 1993: FBI Informant Connects Plotters to 'Blind Sheikh'

Garrett Wilson, a paramilitary trainer and gun seller working as an FBI informant, had made an agreement to give weapons training to a group of radical militants, but the FBI canceled the plan at the last minute after FBI superior Carson Dunbar worried the FBI could be training future terrorists.

Wilson had made the arrangement with Clement Rodney Hampton-El and Abu Ubaidah Yahya, both of whom are connected to the Al-Kifah Refugee Center, which is linked to al-Qaeda and the CIA (see 1986-1993).

But while the training has been canceled, Wilson's cover as an informant has not been blown yet and his FBI handlers realize that Wilson would still have to give Hampton-El some equipment he'd bought for him.

His FBI handlers Tommy Corrigan and John Liguori proposes that Wilson meet Hampton-El so the FBI can monitor the meeting and see where the trail leads.

This time, they avoid Dunbar and get permission from a different supervisor, Neil Herman.

Wilson goes to meet Hampton-El at a New Jersey hotel on January 15, 1993.

Hampton-El isn't there, but Yahya is, along with two others that Wilson does not know.

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Wilson hands off the equipment (weapons and military manuals) and quickly leaves, and then the FBI tails the others as they leave.

Yahya returns in one car to the Al-Kifah office, where he is the security chief.

The others go in another car to the apartment where the Blind Shiekh, Shiekh Omar Abdul-Rahman, lives.

The FBI quickly determines the other two men at the meeting are Abdo Mohammed Haggag, Abdul-Rahman's speechwriter, and Siddig Siddig Ali, Abdul-Rahman's Sudanese translator.

Corrigan, Liguori, and other FBI agents are stunned by the connections to Abdul-Rahman, who is a well-known public figure.

But they will only be allowed to follow up for several days before the surveillance operation is canceled.
[Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 87-90]

January 16-17, 1993: FBI Discovers Islamic Militant Training Camp in Pennsylvania but Immediately Cuts Off Surveillance

On January 15, 1993, FBI informant Garrett Wilson had led the FBI to a meeting attended by Abu Ubaidah Yahya, Abdo Mohammed Haggag, and Siddig Siddig Ali (see January 15, 1993).

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Yahya is security chief for the Al-Kifah Refugee Center, a charity front tied to both al-Qaeda and the CIA (see 1986-1993), and Haggag and Siddig Ali both work with the "Blind Sheikh," Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, who is also closely linked to Al-Kifah.

Suspecting a violent plot, FBI agents have a plan to continuously monitor Yahya, Haggag, and Ali from when they leave the meeting, and for the next couple of days that is what they do.

On January 16, Yahya leads the FBI to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he is holding exercises for a group of Sudanese and Middle Eastern men.

Then the FBI follows Yahya and this group he is leading to a militant training camp on a farm in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania.

A squad of investigators watch them practicing martial arts, sniper firing, and rappelling.

The agents think that they recognize one of the trainees as Mahmud Abouhalima, who they already strongly suspect was involved in the 1990 assassination of a Jewish leader (see November 5, 1990).

(In fact, the trainee is his brother Mohammed - both of them are tall and red-headed.)



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However, on January 17, FBI supervisor Carson Dunbar calls the squad away from the training camp, preventing them from following the suspects as they return to their homes that evening.


The FBI squad is upset, as they are sure following the suspects to their homes would lead to many new identifications and leads.

Dunbar claims the surveillance is costing too much money and effectively shuts down further surveillance of everyone but Yahya and Clement Rodney Hampton-El, who has been working with Yahya, and only when they're in close range of the FBI New York office.

[Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 90-91] Yahya will continue to train his group at the Pennsylvania camp through early February (see December 1992-Early February 1993), but apparently without further FBI surveillance of them.

Around February 1993: Three WTC Bombers Travel on Saudi Passports with Indicator of Islamist Extremism, Presumably Tracked by Saudi Authorities

The 9/11 Commission, relying on a CIA report, will later say that three of the men involved in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing travel on Saudi passports containing an indicator of possible Islamist extremism.

[9/11 Commission, 8/21/2004, pp. 46-47, 61 

It is unclear what the indicator looks like precisely and who the men are.

However, Ahmad Ajaj, an associate of lead bomber Ramzi Yousef, does have a Saudi passport. Some of the 9/11 hijackers will later use Saudi passports with the same indicator (see October 28, 2000, June 1, 2001, and June 13, 2001, and November 2, 2007).

February 26, 1993: WTC Is Bombed but Does Not Collapse, as Bombers Had Hoped



Bomb damage in underground levels of the WTC in 1993.

An attempt to topple the World Trade Center fails, but six people are killed and over 1000 are injured in the misfired blast.

An FBI explosives expert later states that, "If they had found the exact architectural Achilles' heel or if the bomb had been a little bit bigger, not much more, 500 pounds more, I think it would have brought her down."

Ramzi Yousef, who has close ties to bin Laden, organizes the attempt.

[Village Voice, 3/30/1993; US Congress, 2/24/1998] The New York Times later reports on Emad Salem, an undercover agent who will be the key government witness in the trial against Yousef.

Salem testifies that the FBI knew about the attack beforehand and told him they would thwart it by substituting a harmless powder for the explosives.

However, an FBI supervisor called off this plan, and the bombing was not stopped.

[New York Times, 10/28/1993] Other suspects were ineptly investigated before the bombing as early as 1990.

Several of the bombers were trained by the CIA to fight in the Afghan war, and the CIA later concludes, in internal documents, that it was "partly culpable" for this bombing (see January 24, 1994).

[Independent, 11/1/1998] 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed is an uncle of Yousef and also has a role in the WTC bombing (see March 20, 1993).

[Independent, 6/6/2002; Los Angeles Times, 9/1/2002]
One of the attackers even leaves a message which will later be found by investigators, stating, "Next time, it will be very precise." [Associated Press, 9/30/2001]

After February 26, 1993: Security Chief Predicts Terrorists Flying Plane into WTC



Rick Rescorla.

Rick Rescorla, a Vietnam veteran who also previously worked for British intelligence, is vice president for security at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and has an office in the south WTC tower.

Following the 1993 bombing, he believes terrorists will attack the WTC again, this time by flying a cargo plane, maybe loaded with biological or chemical weapons, into it.

Fred McBee, a close friend of his, will later say, "He assumed that it would be the terrorists' mission to bring the Trade Center down."

Rescorla therefore wants his company to leave the WTC and relocate to New Jersey, but their lease doesn't expire until 2006.

Previously, he had predicted an attack much like the 1993 bombing. Around 1990, along with friend and ex-special forces soldier Dan Hill, he had done a security survey of the WTC and concluded that the biggest threat to it was an underground truck bomb.

He had met with New York Port Authority security officials about this, but, according to Hill, was told it was none of his business.

Rescorla will be in his office on the 44th floor of the South Tower at the time of the first attack on 9/11, and immediately order and supervise a successful evacuation of almost all of Morgan Stanley's 2,700 workers from the building.

Unfortunately, he will himself die when the tower collapses. [[Washington Post, 10/28/2001](#); [New Yorker, 2/11/2002](#); [National Review, 9/20/2002](#); [BBC, 2/10/2003](#)]

After February 26, 1993: Threat Assessments Predict Possibility of Terrorists Crashing Plane into WTC

Following the 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see [February 26, 1993](#)), the New York Port Authority asks investigative and security consulting firm Kroll Associates to help design new security measures for the WTC.

Kroll's Deputy Chairman Brian Michael Jenkins leads the analysis of future terrorist threats and how they might be addressed.

Assessments conclude that a second terrorist attack against the WTC is probable.

Although it is considered unlikely, the possibility of terrorists deliberately flying a plane into the WTC towers is included in the range of possible threats. [Jenkins and Edwards-Winslow, 9/2003, pp. 11; New Yorker, 10/19/2009]

Spring 1993: US Intelligence Connects Ramzi Yousef and Bin Laden

US intelligence learns of ties between Ramzi Yousef and bin Laden.

FBI official Neil Herman, head of the WTC bombing investigation, will later say, "The first connection with bin Laden came in connection with some phone records overseas, connecting either Yousef or possibly one of his family members."

But Herman adds that bin Laden was just "one of thousands of leads that we were trying to run out."

Bin Laden will later praise Yousef but say, "Unfortunately, I did not know him before the incident." [Reeve, 1999, pp. 47-48]

Spring 1993: World Trade Center Bombing Investigation Uncovers Links to Ali Mohamed

One of the documents stolen by Ali Mohamed found in El-Sayyid Nosair's residence.

At the bottom are the words: "United States Army.
John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center."

Not long after the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993 (see February 26, 1993), investigators discover a connection between some of the plotters and El-Sayyid Nosair (see November 5, 1990).

The Wall Street Journal reports that investigators "went back to look at [Nosair's] personal possessions. There, they finally saw the link to Mr. Mohamed."

Top secret US military documents obviously supplied by Mohamed are found among Nosair's possessions. Still no action is taken against Mohamed. [Wall Street Journal, 11/26/2001; Posner, 2003, pp. 186-94]

After February 26, 1993: CIA Obstructs FBI Investigation of 'Blind Sheikh' in 1993 WTC Bombing

After the 1993 WTC bombing (see February 26, 1993), New York District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's investigators search El Sayyid Nosair's belongings (see November 5, 1990 and After) and find a bomb formula which was quite similar to the bomb used to attack the WTC.

This discovery would link Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman's group to the bombing.

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The belongings also include a taped plea from Abdul-Rahman to destroy “the towers that constitute the pillars” of the civilization of “enemies of God.”

Some suspect this is a reference to the WTC.

But the FBI refuses to acknowledge and follow up on the bomb formula or other leads from Nosair.

Morgenthau later concludes that the CIA may have pressured the FBI to back off from evidence which led to Abdul-Rahman, as well as blocking other investigative leads (see Late 1980s and After). [New York Times, 11/21/1994; New Yorker, 3/17/1995]

March 1993: Muslim Brotherhood Said to Help Fund World Trade Center Bombing

An Egyptian official will later detail an alleged confession of Mahmud Abouhalima made at this time.

Abouhalima was captured in Egypt in March 1993 and reportedly tortured into a confession there before being handed over to US officials.

He will later be convicted for a role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993).

Abouhalima supposedly confessed that the bomb plot originated in Afghanistan among Arab veterans of the Afghan war.

He also tells his interrogators that it was approved by men describing themselves as Iranian intelligence agents and by the "Blind Shiekh," Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman.

Abouhalima further confessed that he was a member of the Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya (the Islamic Group), a militant group headed by Abdul-Rahman, and that the group obtained its money from various sources including the German offices of the Muslim Brotherhood.

It is unclear how much this account can be trusted, especially since the Egyptian government has conflicts with Iran and the Muslim Brotherhood at the time.

[New York Times, 7/16/1993] However, two March 1993 Los Angeles Times and New York Times reports appears to confirm at least part of Abouhalima's confession.

The Times articles reports that two of the bomb plotters, Mohammed Salameh and Nidal Ayyad, had bank accounts in the US where they received a total of \$10,000 sent from Germany prior to the bombing.

[Los Angeles Times, 3/12/1993; New York Times, 3/12/1993] And in 1999, journalist Simon Reeve will report, "FBI and CIA investigations traced some of the money given to the WTC conspirators back to Germany and the Muslim Brotherhood." [Reeve, 1999, pp. 245]

However, nothing more about this possible Muslim Brotherhood connection has been reported since.

March 1993-1996: FBI Uninterested in Warnings of California Terrorist Cell

In 1992 and early 1993, the “Blind Sheikh,” Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, visits a mosque in Anaheim, California, and is hosted by an al-Qaeda sleeper cell there. Cell leaders Hisham Diab and Khalil Deek live next door to each other and are avid followers of Abdul-Rahman.

Apparently he stays with Deek on one trip and with Diab on another.

Saraah Olson, Diab’s wife, sees Abdul-Rahman on television in connection with the February 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993) and fears that her husband is a terrorist. She will later claim, “I called the FBI.

I said I have information about the blind sheikh.

He’s been to my house, and I need to speak to someone.”

But she will say they responded, “We don’t know who you’re talking about.

Thank you for the information.

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And they hung up.” [ABC News, 12/23/2004; ABC News, 12/23/2004] From 1990 until 1996, when she divorces Diab, she claims that “some of Osama bin Laden’s top deputies would stay with her and her husband.”

She claims she repeatedly tried to warn the FBI about this but was never taken seriously.

She also claims that even after Abdul-Rahman was arrested in mid-1993, he would regularly call Diab from prison each Sunday and deliver fiery sermons that were recorded and distributed to some of his other followers.

US intelligence had been investigating Deek since at least the late 1980s but never took any action against him (see Late 1980s).

[ABC News, 12/23/2004; Los Angeles Times, 10/8/2006] Apparently also in the early 1990s, the FBI is apparently aware that Deek is running militant training camps in California for followers of Abdul-Rahman, but they take no action against him or the camps (see Early 1990s).

Diab eventually becomes a US citizen and then will leave the US in June 2001. He is now believed to be hiding in Pakistan with top al-Qaeda leaders.

The FBI has been asked about Olson’s allegations but has neither confirmed nor denied them. [ABC News, 12/23/2004]

March 2, 1993: WTC Bombers Take Credit for Attack, Threaten Future Suicide Attacks

Four days after the 1993 WTC bombing (see February 26, 1993), a letter is received by the New York Times that takes credit for the bombings.

The letter is written on behalf of Ramzi Yousef's "Fifth Battalion Liberation Army" and is signed by an Arabic-sounding alias.

"If our demands are not met, all of our functional groups in the army will continue to execute our missions against military and civilian targets in and out of the United States.

For your information, our army has more than a hundred and fifty suicidal soldiers ready to go ahead." It also promises attacks on "nuclear targets."

It lists a series of demands, including an end to diplomatic relations with Israel and an end to interfering "with any of the Middle East countries interior affairs."

On March 10, 1993, WTC bomber Nidal Ayyad will be arrested and a copy of the letter will be found on his computer along with a second letter listing further threats (see Shortly After March 10, 1993).

[New York Times, 3/28/1993; Reeve, 1999, pp. 61] US officials downplay the threats in the letter.

One top investigator says: "There's no reason to believe that threat is real.

We can try to prepare for everything, but we can't lock up the city." [New York Times, 3/29/1993]

March 4-5,1993: Suspect Allowed to Leave US Despite Evidence Tying Him to WTC Bombing

A week after the WTC bombing, an Iraqi-American is questioned by the FBI and then allowed to leave the country, despite evidence tying him to the bombing.

Abdul Rahman Yasin is a US citizen but spent most of his life in Iraq until 1992, when he returned to the US.

Two of the major WTC bomb plotters, Ramzi Yousef and Mohammed Salameh, lived in the apartment directly above Yasin's.

Several days after Salameh is arrested, the FBI searches Yasin's apartment.

They find traces of bomb explosives on a scale, a tool box, and a shirt.

In the trash, they find jeans with an acid hole burned in them, and torn pieces of a map showing the route to Yousef's other apartment.

Yasin is taken to an FBI office and interrogated by Neil Herman, head of the FBI's WTC bombing investigation, and others.

Yasin gives information about Salameh, Yousef, and other participants in the bomb plot.

Agents observe a chemical burn on his right thigh, making them suspect that he was involved in mixing the chemicals used in the bombing.

The next day, he drives FBI agents to the apartment where the bomb was made.

Yet Yasin will later be interviewed and claims that the FBI never asked him if he was involved in the bomb plot.

Later that evening, he flies to Iraq.

Herman will later say, "There was not enough information to hold him and detain him.

And the decision was made, and he was allowed to leave.

[Los Angeles Times, 10/12/2001] In 2002, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz will recall, "I have to tell you that we fear[ed] that sending Yasin back to Iraq... was a sting operation [for the US to] tell people later on, look, this man who participated in that event now is in Iraq, etc., and use it as they are doing now, using many false pretexts, you see, to hurt Iraq in their own way."

[60 Minutes, 6/2/2002] Yasin will be indicted in August 1993 for his role in the WTC bombing and the US later puts a \$2 million bounty on his head.

In October 2001, that will be increased to \$25 million.

In 2002, Yasin will be interviewed by CBS News in Iraq and will confess to involvement in the WTC bombing but says he was not an Iraqi government agent.

Iraqi authorities will tell CBS that Yasin is still imprisoned without charge and has been in prison since 1994, but this has not been independently confirmed.

Some continue to point to Yasin as evidence that Iraq was behind the WTC bombing. [Los Angeles Times, 10/12/2001; 60 Minutes, 6/2/2002]

Shortly After March 10, 1993: WTC Bombers Threaten to Attack WTC Again

On March 10, Nidal Ayyad is arrested for a role in the February 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993).

Investigators soon discover a letter threatening future attacks in a computer file that was deleted but recovered.

It makes reference to an earlier letter sent by Ayyad to the New York Times taking credit for the bombing (see March 2, 1993), and says: "We are the Liberation Army Fifth Battalion again.

Unfortunately, our calculations were not very accurate this time.

However, we promise you that next time it will be very precise and WTC will continue to be one our targets in the US unless our demands are met.”

The letter is signed by the same long Arabic alias used in Ayyad's previous letter. [New York Times, 12/15/1993]

March 20, 1993: FBI Connects KSM to WTC Bombing

An internal FBI report finds that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed (KSM) played a role in the bombing of the World Trade Center.

According to the report, KSM wired \$660 from Qatar to a bank account of Mohammed Salameh, one of the key bombers, on November 3, 1992.

This is apparently the first time KSM has come to the attention of US law enforcement.

Transaction records show the money was sent from “Khaled Shaykh” in Doha, Qatar, which is where KSM is living openly and without an alias at the time (see 1992-1995).

[US Congress, 7/24/2003] KSM also frequently talked to his nephew Ramzi Yousef on the phone about the bombing and sent him a passport to escape the country, but apparently these details are not discovered until much later. [9/11 Commission, 7/24/2004, pp. 147, 488]

Early April 1993: FBI Links Bombers in US to Bosnian Charity Front But Bosnian Link Is Not Explored

FBI investigators begin monitoring Clement Rodney Hampton-El's house in New York as they close in on the militants involved in the "Landmarks" plot (see June 24, 1993).

They listen in on a call from Hampton-El's right-hand man, Abu Ubaidah Yahya, as he is in Vienna, Austria, picking up money from the Third World Relief Agency (TWRA) for the militants in the US tied to the Landmarks plot.

Over the next few months, Yahya is tracked as he makes several trips from the US to Vienna, picking up about \$100,000.

[Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 113] Hampton-El had also been in Vienna earlier in the year, picking up more money from TWRA for the plotters (see Late 1992-Early 1993).

TWRA is funneling a huge amount of weapons to Muslim Bosnia in violation of a UN embargo but with the tacit approval of the US government (see Mid-1991-1996).

It also has ties to radical militants like bin Laden and Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman.

The Washington Post will later report that, "Intelligence agencies say they have tapes of telephone calls by Abdul-Rahman to [TWRA's] office."

The "Landmarks" bombers are closely associated with Abdul-Rahman and will be convicted along with him.

[Washington Post, 9/22/1996] A secret 1996 CIA report will state that "according to a foreign government service" Elfatih Hassanein, the head of TWRA, "supports US Muslim extremists in Bosnia."

[Central Intelligence Agency, 1/1996] But apparently the US does not go after TWRA for its ties to the "Landmarks" plotters and the connection will not be publicized for years.

April 23, 1993: FBI Discovers Follow-up Plot to WTC Bombing; Sudanese Diplomats Are Reportedly Involved

In the wake of the 1993 WTC bombing (see February 26, 1993), Emad Salem is rehired as an FBI informant.

Because Salem has the confidence of the group around the "Blind Sheikh" Omar Abdul-Rahman connected to the bombing, the FBI is so desperate to hire him back that they pay him over \$1 million to return.

It takes time for Salem to fully regain confidences, but on April 23, 1993, Siddig Siddig Ali approaches Salem and asks him to participate in a series of bombings that he is planning.

Siddig Ali explains that he wants to simultaneously bomb four landmarks in New York City the Lincoln and Holland tunnel, the United Nations headquarters, and the New York FBI office.

This will later be known as the “Landmarks” plot. Siddig Ali later tells Salem that he has friends in the Sudanese Embassy who had approved the plan and are willing to help with diplomatic license plates and credentials.

Wearing a wire, over the next weeks Salem meets and records others participating in the plot.

Many of them, including Siddig Ali, attended a training camp the FBI briefly monitored back in January 1993 (see January 16-17, 1993). [Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 113-114]

The FBI will expand its surveillance of the plotters and roll up the plot a couple of months later (see June 24, 1993).

The US will later eject two Sudanese diplomats, Siraj Yousif and Ahmed Yousif Mohamed, for suspicions of involvement in the plot.

Both are said to be intelligence agents posing as diplomats. Later in 1993, the US also places Sudan on a list of terrorist countries. [New York Times, 8/18/1993; New York Times, 4/11/1996]

Summer 1993: WTC Bomber Gives Up Names of Future Embassy Bombers, US Turns Down Deal for More Information

Mahmud Abouhalima is arrested for his role in the February 1993 WTC bombing.

He meets with US investigators without his lawyer and provides a detailed account of the Al-Kifah Refugee Center, bin Laden's main support base in the US in the early 1990s.

He says that twice he turned to a Texas acquaintance named Wadih El-Hage to buy weapons for his associates.

El-Hage, who turns out to be bin Laden's personal secretary (see September 15, 1998), will later be caught and convicted of bombing the US embassies in Africa in 1998 (see 10:35-10:39 a.m., August 7, 1998).

Abouhalima further recounts fighting in Afghanistan with the mujaheddin in the 1980s and tells of travelling to training camps with a Palestinian man named Mohammed Odeh.

A Palestinian man with the name Mohammed Saddiq Odeh will later be convicted of a role in the 1998 embassy bombings as well.

Abouhalima offers additional inside information about the bomb plot and his associates in exchange for a lighter sentence.

But, as the New York Times will later note, prosecutors turn down the offer “for reasons that remain unclear.”

Abouhalima is later found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. [New York Times, 10/22/1998]

Late 1993-1994: US Investigators Discover Links Between WTC Bombing and Mujaheddin Fighting in Bosnian War

The Islamic Cultural Institute mosque in Milan, Italy is dominated by Al-Gama'a al-Islamiya, the Egyptian militant group led by Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman.

The imam of the mosque, Anwar Shaaban, is a leader of that group and also a leader of the mujaheddin efforts in Bosnia.

The Islamic Cultural Institute serves as a transit and logistical base for mujaheddin coming or going to Bosnia (see Late 1993-December 14, 1995).

After the 1993 WTC bombing, US investigators will discover heavy phone traffic between the Milan mosque and the Jersey City mosque run by Abdul-Rahman.

Furthermore, they learn that bomber mastermind Ramzi Yousef used the Milan mosque as a logistical base as well.

[Chicago Tribune, 10/22/2001] Yousef also prayed at the Milan mosque prior to the WTC bombing.

[Gunaratna, 2003, pp. 171] Shaaban is a close friend of Talaat Fouad Qassem, another leader of Al-Gama'a al-Islamiya and one of the highest ranking leaders of the mujaheddin fighting in Bosnia.

Qassem is directing the flow of volunteers to Bosnia while living in political asylum in Denmark (see 1990). [Kohlmann, 2004, pp. 25]

In April 1994, seven Arab men living in Denmark, including Qassem, are arrested. US prosecutors will later claim that fingerprints on documents and videotapes seized from the men match fingerprints on bomb manuals that Ahmad Ajaj was carrying when he entered the US with Yousef (see September 1, 1992).

A raid on one apartment in Denmark uncovers bomb formulas, bomb making chemical, sketches of attack targets, some videotapes of Abdul-Rahman's sermons, and a pamphlet claiming responsibility for the WTC bombing and promising more attacks.

Also, phone records and documents found in Abdul-Rahman's Jersey City apartment show the men in Denmark were communicating regularly with Abdul-Rahman.

[New York Times, 4/15/1995] But no one in either Milan or Denmark will be charged with a role in the WTC bombing.

Danish police will later say that none of the seized documents indicated that the Arab men personally took part in the bombing.

The men all are released and ironically, two of them are granted political asylum in Denmark because they are members of Al-Gama'a al-Islamiya, which the Danish consider to be a persecuted group.

[Associated Press, 6/28/1995] In 1995, an Italian magistrate will issue arrest warrants for Shaaban and 60 other extremists (see Late 1993-December 14, 1995), but Shaaban will flee to Bosnia, where he will die of bullet wounds in unexplained circumstances (see December 14, 1995).

[Chicago Tribune, 10/22/2001] The US government will later call the Islamic Cultural Institute al-Qaeda's main logistical base in Europe and some evidence will link figures connected to it to the 9/11 plot (see Late 1998-September 11, 2001).

January 24, 1994: CIA Concludes It Is 'Partly Culpable' for WTC Bombing

The Boston Herald reports that an internal CIA report has concluded that the agency is "partially culpable" for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993) because it helped train and support some of the bombers.

One source with knowledge of the report says, "It was determined that a significant amount of blowback appeared to have occurred."

A US intelligence source claims the CIA gave at least \$1 billion to forces in Afghanistan connected to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

More than a half-dozen of the WTC bombers belonged to this faction, and some of the CIA money paid for their training.

The source says, "By giving these people the funding that we did, a situation was created in which it could be safely argued that we bombed the World Trade Center."

Those connected to the bombing who went to Afghanistan include Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, Clement Rodney Hampton-el, Siddig Siddig Ali, Ahmed Ajaj, and Mahmud Abouhalima.

[Boston Herald, 1/24/1994] Additionally, Ramzi Yousef trained in Afghanistan near the end of the Afghan war, and there are claims he was recruited by the CIA (see Late 1980s).

"Intelligence sources say the CIA used the Al-Kifah Refugee Center in Brooklyn—founded to support the Afghani rebels fighting Soviet occupation—to funnel aid to Hekmatyar, setting the stage for terrorists here to acquire the money, guns and training needed to later attack the Trade Center.

CIA support also made it easier for alleged terrorist leaders to enter the country."

[Boston Herald, 1/24/1994] It will later be alleged that the CIA repeatedly blocked investigations relating to Al-Kifah, which was al-Qaeda's operational base in the US (see Late 1980s and After).

Shortly After March 1994: US Learns Bin Laden Gave Prominent Muslim Activist Money for 'Blind Sheikh'



Alamoudi, center, with Vice President Gore, left, and President Clinton, right.

This picture is from a 1997 American Muslim Council newsletter and was presumably taken around that time.

Abdo Mohammed Haggag, speechwriter for the "Blind Sheikh," Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, makes a deal and agrees to testify against Abdul-Rahman in an upcoming US trial.

[New York Times, 6/26/1994] He soon reveals that bin Laden has been paying for Abdul-Rahman's living expenses since Abdul-Rahman moved to the US in 1990 (see July 1990).

This is one of the first things that causes US intelligence to become interested in bin Laden.

[Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 147-148] Further, Haggag reveals that the money was funneled through Abdurahman Alamoudi and his organization, the American Muslim Council.

"Investigators tried to prove Alamoudi was a terror middleman but could not find 'smoking gun' evidence.

That allowed Alamoudi to become a politically connected Muslim activist and co-founder of the American Muslim Armed Forces and Veteran Affairs Council, which helps the US military select Muslim chaplains." [New York Post, 10/1/2003]

This same year, Alamoudi will be one of the founders of Ptech, a US computer company with suspected terrorism ties (see 1994).

It will later be alleged that he was able to operate with impunity for years due to his close ties to Grover Norquist, a powerful Republican lobbyist (see March 20, 2002).

In 2004, the US will sentence him to 23 years in prison for illegal dealings with Libya (see October 15, 2004).

February 7, 1995: Ramzi Yousef Is Arrested in Pakistan

Ramzi Yousef is arrested in Pakistan, in a safe house owned by bin Laden (see February 1992-February 7, 1995).

At the time, his uncle Khalid Shaikh Mohammed is staying in the same building, and brazenly gives an interview to Time magazine as "Khalid Sheikh," describing Yousef's capture.

[Lance, 2003, pp. 328] Yousef had recruited Istaique Parker to implement a limited version of Operation Bojinka, but Parker got cold feet and instead turned in Yousef (see February 3-7, 1995).

[Lance, 2003, pp. 284-85] The New Yorker will later report that the CIA "fought with the FBI over arresting Yousef in Pakistan - the CIA reportedly wanted to continue tracking him - and President Clinton was forced to intervene."

[New Yorker, 3/17/1995] Yousef is rendered to the US the next day and makes a partial confession while flying there (see February 8, 1995).

After February 7, 1995-January 1996: Ramzi Yousef Arrest Points Investigators to KSM

Shortly after bomber Ramzi Yousef is arrested (see February 7, 1995), investigators discover a computer file of a letter on his laptop that is signed by "Khalid Sheikh, and Bojinka."

An eyewitness account of the arrest is given to Time magazine by a "Khalid Sheikh," who is also staying in the same building.

[McDermott, 2005, pp. 154, 162] Investigators also discover that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed (KSM) had frequently visited Yousef's apartment in Manila, Philippines, where the bombs for the Bojinka plot were being made.

[PBS Frontline, 10/3/2002] They also find Yousef has multiple fax and phone numbers for a "Khalid Doha."

Doha is the capital of Qatar.

KSM has been living there openly since 1992 (see 1992-1995).

Shortly after being apprehended, US authorities notice that Yousef calls one of these numbers in Qatar and asks to speak to a "Khalid."

The US already connected KSM to the 1993 WTC bombing just weeks after that attack and knew that he was living in Doha, Qatar (see March 20, 1993).

[US Congress, 7/24/2003] There is an entry in Yousef's seized telephone directory for a Zahid Shaikh Mohammed, Yousef's uncle and KSM's brother.

Not long after this discovery is made, Pakistani investigators raid Zahid's offices in Peshawar, Pakistan, but Zahid has already fled (see 1988-Spring 1995).



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In 1993, US investigators already discovered the connections between Yousef, Zahid, and KSM, after raiding Zahid's house in Pakistan and finding pictures of them (see Spring 1993). [McDermott, 2005, pp. 154, 162]

The FBI successfully arranges for a photograph to be taken of KSM.

He is positively identified from the photo in December 1995.

This results in his indictment in January 1996 for his role in the 1993 WTC bombing.

US intelligence labels him a "top priority," according the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry. [Los Angeles Times, 12/22/2002; US Congress, 7/24/2003]

February 7, 1995: Ramzi Yousef Rendered to US

After Ramzi Yousef is arrested in Pakistan (see February 7, 1995), he is rendered to the US.

He is read his rights before he boards the rendition flight and, as author Peter Lance will later comment, "at that time, in February 1995, the Justice Department was still quite scrupulous about the due process issues, so much so that after Yousef was led onto the plane [US agents] read him his Miranda warnings a second time."

[Lance, 2006, pp. 203] The aircraft used for the rendition belongs to the US Air Force and the operation is run by FBI manager Neil Herman.

The plane is moved to a “quiet area” of Islamabad airport and, according to author Simon Reeve, Yousef is then “bundled on to the jet.”

[Reeve, 1999, pp. 107] National Security Council official Daniel Benjamin will explain why Yousef and Mir Aimal Kasi (see January 25, 1993) are not extradited in the normal manner, but rendered “Both were apprehended in Pakistan, whose leaders decided that the nation would rather not have those two—folk heroes to some—sitting in jail, awaiting extradition.

Pakistan’s leaders feared that cooperating with the United States would be dangerously unpopular, so they wanted the suspects out of the country quickly.”

[Washington Post, 10/21/2007] Yousef makes a partial confession while being flown to the US (see February 8, 1995).

February 8, 1995: Yousef Makes Partial Confession but Hides Bojinka Second Wave and Ties to Bin Laden and KSM

On day after Ramzi Yousef is arrested in Pakistan (see February 7, 1995), he makes a partial confession while being flown to the US.

Due to the speed of events, only two US officials, FBI agent Chuck Stern and Secret Service agent Brian Parr, sit with Yousef during the flight.

Both officials had been part of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) operation to catch him, and they have many questions for him.

Confession - Yousef, under the mistaken impression that anything he says to them is not admissible in court if no notes or recordings are taken, talks to them for six hours.

He confesses to bombing the WTC (see February 26, 1993).

He says he tried to shear the support columns holding up one tower so it could fall into the other and kill up to 250,000 people.

When asked who funded him, he says he had been given money by friends and family, but refuses to elaborate.

[Reeve, 1999, pp. 107-109] In fact, the agents secretly take notes and they will be used as evidence in Yousef's trial.

Comment on WTC - As Yousef is flying over New York City on his way to a prison cell, an FBI agent asks him, "You see the Trade Centers down there, they're still standing, aren't they?" Yousef responds, "They wouldn't be if I had enough money and enough explosives."

[MSNBC, 9/23/2001; Miller, Stone, and Mitchell, 2002, pp. 135]

Some Information Forthcoming, Other Information Withheld - Yousef also soon admits to ties with Wali Khan Amin Shah, who fought with bin Laden in Afghanistan, and Mohammed Jamal Khalifa, one of bin Laden's brothers-in-law, who is being held by the US at the time (see December 16, 1994-May 1995).

But although Yousef talks freely, he makes no direct mention of bin Laden, or the planned second wave of Operation Bojinka that closely parallels the later 9/11 plot (see Spring 1995).

[Lance, 2003, pp. 297-98] He also fails to mention his uncle, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed (KSM), who is still at large and was a co-mastermind in most of Yousef's plots.

When talking about his preparations to assassinate President Clinton in Manila (see September 18-November 14, 1994), Yousef makes a vague mention of an "intermediary" who is actually KSM, but refuses to discuss him any further.

[Gunaratna, 2003, pp. xxiv-xxv] However, Yousef's arrest will soon lead investigators to KSM in other ways (see After February 7, 1995-January 1996).

February 21, 1995: Mysterious US Militant Arrested on Minor Charges, Disappears from View

Abu Ubaidah Yahya, an ex-US marine tied to many of the “Landmarks” bombers, is arrested and charged with gun running.

According to charges, Yahya bought at least six assault weapons at a Virginia gun show in November 1992 and then later distributed them to a group of militants he was training a training camp near New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania (see Late 1992-Early 1993).

A number of the “Landmarks” bombers trained there and prosecutors claim the training was part of the overall “Landmarks” conspiracy, but strangely, Yahya is only charged with the gun running and not the training, even though the FBI actually briefly monitored him running the training camp (see January 16-17, 1993).

Yahya, a US citizen who changed his name from Karl Dexter Taylor, runs a martial arts school in Brooklyn. [United Press International, 2/21/1995; New York Times, 2/22/1995] Yahya apparently fought in Bosnia for the Bosnian Muslims while the US government was secretly supporting the Bosnian Muslim cause (see Spring 1993).

He was security chief for the Al-Kifah Refugee Center, a charity front linked to both al-Qaeda and the CIA (see 1986-1993).

He also transported money for the Third World Relief Agency (TWRA) charity front (see Early April 1993) while the US government was deliberately turning a blind eye to the actions of the TWRA (see 1993).

What happens next to Yahya is unclear. While the Lexis Nexus database reveals a number of articles about his arrest, there are no articles mentioning any subsequent trial or imprisonment.

Spring 1995: More Evidence that WTC Remains a Target

One of the Bojinka documents found. This Word document apparently lists flight times.

In the wake of uncovering the Operation Bojinka plot, Philippine authorities find a letter on a computer disc written by the plotters of the failed 1993 WTC bombing.

This letter apparently was never sent, but its contents will be revealed in 1998 congressional testimony.

[US Congress, 2/24/1998] The Manila police chief also reports discovering a statement from bin Laden around this time that, although they failed to blow up the WTC in 1993, "on the second attempt they would be successful." [Agence France-Presse, 9/13/2001]

March 4, 1995: Deputy Attorney General Extends 'Wall' for WTC Bombing Cases

Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick issues a memo establishing procedures to regulate prosecutors'

and criminal investigators' access to intelligence information generated in the wake of the 1993 WTC bombing cases (see February 26, 1993).

These new procedures effectively extend the so-called "wall" that arose in the early 1980s.

During the criminal investigation of the bombing, the FBI came across counterintelligence information related to Islamic extremists operating inside the United States, so it began an intelligence investigation.

The new procedures are established because the Justice Department does not want to be perceived as using warrants issued under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which are thought to be easier to obtain than criminal warrants, to further the criminal investigations, because this might possibly lead to problems in court (see Early 1980s).

In the memo, Gorelick, who will later be a 9/11 Commissioner (see December 16, 2002), acknowledges that the procedures go "beyond what is legally required."

[US Department of Justice, 11/2004, pp. 28 □; Lance, 2006, pp. 549-550] A similar set of controversial procedures is issued later covering all intelligence investigations (see July 19, 1995).

However, Andrew McCarthy, one of the WTC prosecutors cut off from the information, will later say this policy is "excessively prohibitive" and

“virtually guaranteed intelligence failure” in the fight against terrorism.

McCarthy will also note that there already are procedures in place to prevent the misuse of FISA-derived evidence. [National Review, 4/19/2004]

1997-2002: 'Blind Sheikh' Continues to Head Global Jihad Movement from Inside Maximum Security Prison

The 'Blind Sheikh,' Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, who has been in a maximum security facility since his conviction on terrorism charges in the mid 1990s, communicates with his supporters through his legal team, radical attorney Lynne Stewart, paralegal Ahmed Abdel Sattar, and interpreter Mohamed Yousry.

Abdul-Rahman, who is held at the Supermax prison in Colorado and then at a medical facility in Minnesota, has no access to the outside world except through the team and he uses them to pass on advice.

Author Peter Bergen will comment: “Sheikh Abdul-Rahman’s incarceration has not prevented him from communicating important messages to his followers through his family or lawyers; for instance, in 1997 he endorsed a ceasefire between the Egyptian government and the terrorist Islamic Group.

Then in 2000 Sheikh Abdul-Rahman publicly withdrew his support from that ceasefire.”

In addition, his will, which appears in 1998 and urges attacks against the US, may also be smuggled out by his legal team (see May 1998).

However, passing on such information during the thrice-yearly visits is against the rules agreed for the visits.

Stewart, who attempts to distract the prison guards while Abdul-Rahman passes on the messages, will be indicted in 2002 and found guilty on several charges, including conspiracy and providing material support to terrorists.

She will be sentenced to 28 months in jail.
[CounterPunch, 10/12/2002; Fox News, 2/11/2005; CNN, 2/14/2005; Bergen, 2006, pp. 208-9; National Review, 10/17/2006]

In 2001, one of the 9/11 hijackers, Mohand Alshehri, is reportedly seen near the Minnesota facility where Abdul-Rahman is being held (see August 2001).

October 2000: Book Favored by Prominent Neoconservatives Argues that Hussein Was Behind 1993 WTC Bombing

Laurie Mylroie, a researcher who held faculty positions at Harvard and the US Naval War College, publishes the book *Study of Revenge Saddam Hussein's Unfinished War Against America*.

She argues that the Iraqi government was behind the 1993 WTC bombing.

The book is published by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a prominent neoconservative think tank, and her book has strong support from many important neoconservatives.

Lauded by Neoconservatives - Richard Perle calls the book "splendid and wholly convincing," while Paul Wolfowitz calls it a "provocative and disturbing book."

Former CIA Director James Woolsey says, "Anyone who wishes to continue to deal with Saddam [Hussein] by ignoring his role in international terrorism...and by giving only office furniture to the Iraqi resistance now has the staggering task of trying to refute this superb work."

In her acknowledgements, she thanks John Bolton, I. Lewis Libby, and Wolfowitz for their support and help in writing the book.

All of them will go on to take prominent positions in the Bush administration.

Myroie's Theories Discredited - But war correspondent and terrorism expert Peter Bergen will later comment, "Myroie became enamored of her theory that Saddam was the mastermind of a vast anti-US terrorist conspiracy in the face of virtually all evidence and expert opinion to the contrary.

In what amounts to the discovery of a unified field theory of terrorism, Mylroie believes that Saddam was not only behind the '93 Trade Center attack, but also every anti-American terrorist incident of the past decade..."

Bergen will continue, "[B]y the mid-'90s, the Joint Terrorism Task Force in New York, the FBI, the US Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York, the CIA, the NSC, and the State Department had all found no evidence implicating the Iraqi government in the first Trade Center attack."

Bergen will comment that normally a book like this would not have mattered, except that the neoconservatives "believed her theories, bringing her on as a consultant at the Pentagon, and they seem to continue to entertain her eccentric belief that Saddam is the fount of the entire shadow war against America." [Washington Monthly, 12/2003; Unger, 2007, pp. 216]

No Credible Evidence of Iraqi Involvement in WTC Bombing - The book will be used as a lodestar of neoconservative thought when terrorists launch the 9/11 attacks, when neoconservatives inside and outside the Bush administration will pin the blame for the attacks on Iraq (see September 13, 2001).

[Unger, 2007, pp. 216] In 2004, the 9/11 Commission will conclude, "We have found no credible evidence to support theories of Iraqi government involvement in the 1993 WTC bombing." [9/11 Commission, 7/24/2004, pp. 559]

February 2001: Former CIA Director Attempts to Link Iraqi Government to 1993 WTC Bombing

Former CIA director James Woolsey visits Britain to look for evidence tying Saddam Hussein to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

He is looking to support the theory (see Late July or Early August 2001) that Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind behind the 1993 WTC bombing, was actually an Iraqi agent who had assumed the identity of a Pakistani student named Abdul Basit.

This theory was proposed in a 2000 book praised by Woolsey (see October 2000).

He will also make a visit for the same purpose in the weeks after 9/11 (see Late September 2001).

On at least one of the trips, Woolsey visits the Swansea Institute, where Basit studied, to see if Basit's fingerprints match those of Yousef, who is now serving a life sentence in a Colorado prison.

Matching fingerprints would discredit the theory. According to Knight Ridder, "Several of those with knowledge of the trips said they failed to produce any new evidence that Iraq was behind the attacks." [Knight Ridder, 10/11/2001]



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But despite a lack of evidence, politicians in Washington interested in the theory will manage to reopen the files into Yousef around August 2001 anyway (see Late July or Early August 2001).

An article by Woolsey pushing the theory about Yousef will be published just two days after 9/11 (see September 13, 2001).

April 30, 2001: Wolfowitz Claims that Iraq is Involved in Terrorism and Was Behind 1993 WTC Bombing

During a National Security Council deputy principals meeting on April 30, 2001, Paul Wolfowitz is challenged by White House counterterrorism advisor Richard Clarke after asserting that Iraq is involved in terrorism.

Recalling the meeting, Clarke tells The Guardian in a March 2004 interview: "April was an initial discussion of terrorism policy writ large and at that meeting I said we had to talk about al-Qaeda.

And because it was terrorism policy writ large [Paul] Wolfowitz said we have to talk about Iraqi terrorism and I said that's interesting because there hasn't been any Iraqi terrorism against the United States.

There hasn't been any for 8 years.

And he said something derisive about how I shouldn't believe the CIA and FBI, that they've been wrong.

And I said if you know more than I know tell me what it is, because I've been doing this for 8 years and I don't know about any Iraqi-sponsored terrorism against the US since 1993.

When I said let's start talking about bin Laden, he said bin Laden couldn't possibly have attacked the World Trade Center in '93.

One little terrorist group like that couldn't possibly have staged that operation.

It must have been Iraq." [Guardian, 3/23/2004] During the same meeting, Wolfowitz also allegedly dismisses bin Laden and al-Qaeda as a serious threat (see April 30, 2001).

June 2001: Deputy Defense Secretary Wolfowitz Asks CIA and DIA to Look into Theory that Iraq Masterminded 1993 Bombing of WTC

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz asks the CIA to look over the 2000 book, Study of Revenge

Saddam Hussein's Unfinished War Against America by Laurie Mylroie, which argued that Iraq was behind the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center (see October 2000).

Wolfowitz will mention shortly after 9/11 how he asked the CIA to do this, but it is unknown what their response is.

Presumably it is not one Wolfowitz liked. [9/11 Commission, 7/24/2004, pp. 559] Wolfowitz also asks Thomas Wilson, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), to have his analysts look at the book.

The DIA is unable to find any evidence that support the theory. [Isikoff and Corn, 2006, pp. 76]

Around late July, the US reopens the files on WTC bomber Ramzi Yousef, presumably in response to these requests (see Late July or Early August 2001).

But no evidence will be found to support Mylroie's theory that Yousef was an Iraqi agent.

The 9/11 Commission will conclude in 2004, "We have found no credible evidence to support theories of Iraqi government involvement in the 1993 WTC bombing." [9/11 Commission, 7/24/2004, pp. 559]

Late July or Early August 2001: US Authorities Look into Theory that Iraq Had Role in 1993 WTC Bombing

US authorities re-open the files on Ramzi Yousef, the convicted mastermind of the WTC bombing in 1993, and begin looking into the theory that Yousef may have actually been an Iraqi agent.

Presumably this is in response to requests by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz the month before to look into the matter (see June 2001).

Yousef was convicted in 1996 (see September 5, 1996) and has been in custody since 1995 (see February 7, 1995).

According to the official version of events, Yousef's real name is Abdul Basit, a 27-year-old Pakistani who until 1989 was a computer student studying in South Wales.

In late 2000, the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) published Study of Revenge Saddam Hussein's Unfinished War Against America arguing in support of the theory that Yousef was actually an Iraqi agent (see October 2000).

The book, written by AEI scholar Laurie Mylroie, says that Basit was living with his parents in Kuwait in 1990 when Iraq invaded the country (see November 8, 1990).

During the occupation, Iraqis presumably murdered him and his family and then altered police files so Iraqi intelligence could use his identity. [New Republic, 9/13/2001; London Times, 9/22/2001]

In February 2001, former CIA Director James Woolsey traveled to Britain in an attempt to find evidence to support this theory (see February 2001).

But Mylroie's theory is debunked by authorities who match the fingerprints of Yousef to those of Basit. [Washington Monthly, 12/2003; Isikoff and Corn, 2006, pp. 81]

2002-2004: World Trade Center Bombers Encourage Jihad from inside Maximum Security Facility

Three of the men convicted for the World Trade Center bombing (see February 26, 1993)—Mohammed Salameh, Mahmud Abouhalima, and Nidal Ayyad—are allowed to write about 90 letters from inside the Supermax prison in Florence, Colorado, encouraging fellow extremists around the world.

Some of the letters are sent to Morocco and some to a militant cell in Spain. In one, addressed to cell leader Mohamed Achraf, who will be arrested in late 2004 for attempting to blow up the National Justice Building in Madrid (see July-October 18, 2004), Salameh writes, “Oh, God, make us live with happiness.

Make us die as martyrs.

May we be united on the day of judgment.”

Other recipients have links to the 2004 Madrid train bombings (see 7:37-7:42 a.m., March 11, 2004).

One of Salameh’s letters, in which he calls Osama bin Laden “the hero of my generation,” is published in a newspaper in July 2002, but this does not result in any new security attempts to stop other letters.

The letters urge readers to “terminate the infidels” because “Muslims don’t have any option other than jihad.”

Former prosecutor Andrew McCarthy wonders, "He was exhorting acts of terrorism and helping recruit would-be terrorists for the jihad from inside an American prison."

Terrorism specialist Hedieth Mirahmadi says the letters would have been especially useful for recruitment because the convicted bombers have "a power that the average person or the average imam in a mosque doesn't have."

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will later comment, "I was surprised. Didn't seem to make any sense to me and I'm sure the average American would have to wonder, 'How could this happen?'"

Staff at the prison noticed the letters were unmonitored and complained in 2003, but it apparently took management several months to impose a tighter regime. [MSNBC, 3/1/2005; MSNBC, 3/9/2005]

Conclusion

And that is basically how the whole 1993 WTC **"False Flag Terrorist Attack Operation"** went down.

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